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Births.

CAMPBELL.—February 28, at Lamorna, Morpeth, the wife of Thomas Campbell, of a son.

Marriages.

DRINKWATER—WARDEN.—February 8, 1899, at the Tabernacle, Enmore, by the Rev. G. T. Waldon, Theophilus S., only son of Mr. Drinkwater, of Marrickville, to Margaret S. (Maggie), eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Gibson Warden, of Marrickville.

Deaths.

BEVERIDGE.—March 8, 1899, at the residence of her brother-in-law, John A. Crawford, Hope Cottage, Annandale-street, Annandale, Barbara Guthrie Beveridge, formerly matron Balmain Cottage Hospital.

M'CLINTOCK.—March 7, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Winifred, the beloved wife of A. W. M'Clintock, of 113 Flinders-street, Moore Park, aged 34 years.

O'CONNOR.—March 8, at Darlinghurst, Dr. Maurice J. O'Connor, aged 41 years, from pneumonia. By request, no flowers. R.I.P.

In Memoriam.

GULLEY.—In memory of my dear father, Mr. F. B. Gulley, of Casino, who died in Sydney on March 8, 1898. Inserted by his loving daughter, A. H. Loveday, ed. Marys.

HENDLEY.—In loving remembrance of our dear husband and father, Charles Hendley, who died at his residence, 405 Bourke-street, Surry Hills, March 9, 1897. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

POWER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Captain Patrick Power, who was drowned in the wreck of the schooner Agnes, near Brunswick Heads, N.S.W., March 9, 1890. Requiescat in pace. Inserted by his loving wife, Catherine Power.

SCAHILL.—In sad and loving memory of my beloved mother, Elizabeth Scahill, who died March 9, 1898, at her son's residence, Exeter. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, M. and H. Hart.

SCAHILL.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Elizabeth Scahill, who died March 9, 1898, at her son's residence, Exeter. Inserted by her loving daughters, Bridget Walsh and Janet Keating. Though lost to sight to memory dear.

SCAHILL.—In sad and loving memory of our dear grandmother, Elizabeth Scahill, who departed this life March 9, 1898, at her son's residence, Exeter. Inserted by her loving granddaughters, Elizabeth Walsh and Margaret Cook. Rest in peace.

SCAHILL.—In sad and loving memory of my dear grandmother, Elizabeth Scahill, who died March 9, 1898, at her son's residence, Exeter. "Flowers may fade, but memory never." Inserted by her loving granddaughter, Celia Walsh.

SORENSEN.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Martha Sarah Sorensen, who departed this life for a better one above on March 9, 1897, at the North Sydney Hospital. Thou art not lost, darling, but gone before, where I shall meet thee again. Inserted by one that could least spare her, her loving son, Charles Rich.

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VICTORIA	6577	E. Crewe	Mar. 22	Mar. 28	Mar. 30
*INDIA	8000	W. D. G. Worcester, R.N.R.	April 5	April 11	Apr. 13
*AUSTRALIA	6901	L. Reeves	April 19	April 25	Apr. 27
ARCADIA	6603	A. C. Loggin	May 3	May 9	May 11
ROME	5545	J. Cowie	May 20	May 23	May 25
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Prinz R. L'pold	6,288	H. Walter	Mar. 22	Mar. 28	April 1
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MORAVIAN	A. Simpson	4500	April 14
AUSTRALASIAN	T. F. Spalding	3700	May 5
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Steamer	Tons	Commander	Sydney, noon	Melbourne, 1 p.m.	Adelaide, 2 p.m.
* ORMUZ	6387	E. A. Veale	Mar. 15	Mar. 21	Mar. 23
* * OMRAH	8291	J. F. Ruthven	Mar. 29	April 4	April 6
*AUSTRAL	5524	R. Hoare	Apl. 12	Apl. 18	Apl. 20
* * OPHIR	6910	H. E. Inskip	Apl. 26	May 2	May 4
OROTAVA	5857	J. Linklater	May 10	May 16	May 18
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S.S. TARAWERA, SATURDAY, March 18, at 1 p.m.

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S.S. OONAH, SATURDAY, March 18, at noon.

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MARYBOROUGH	Paroo, Friday, 11 p.m., March 10. Arawatta, Tues., 5 p.m., March 14.
BUNDABERG... GLADSTONE...	Arawatta, Tues, 5 p.m., March 14. Arawatta, Tues., 5 p.m., March 14.
ROCKHAMPTON	Paroo, Friday, 11 p.m., March 10. Arawatta, Tues., 5 p.m., March 14.
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TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, THURSDAY ISL'D, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	Paroo, Friday, 5 p.m., March 10. (Change at Brisbane.)
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BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG	Leura, Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m. Burwah, Tuesday, March 14, 5 p.m. Tyrian, Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.
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LOST, Bay MARE, Five Dock, brand G over W left shoulder. Return to Mr. Carr, Five Dock. Reward.

LOST, a GALAH, talks well; reward. 43 Morris-st., Summer Hill.

LOST, Lower set TEETH, Tuesday evening, bet. Campbell-st. and Woolloomooloo. 153 Campbell-st., S.H. Rew.

LOST, Gordon Setter SLUT, black and tan. Reward on ret. Rennenschneider, 84 Cooper-st., Surry Hills.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned CANDIDATES were this day duly nominated for the office of ALDERMAN for the Norton and Wentworth Wards of this Borough rendered vacant by the resignation of Messrs. E. R. Moore and N. C. Neal:—

NORTON WARD—
WILLIAM RICHARD AINSWORTH
GEORGE DANIEL CLARK.

WENTWORTH WARD—
WILLIAM HENRY WESTBROOK
FREDERICK CHARLES SOMERSET FROST.

There being more Candidates nominated than the number of Aldermen required to be elected, a POLL will be taken on SATURDAY 11th March instant, commencing at 8 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m., at the following places—

SYDNEY (for both Wards)—TEMPERANCE HALL, PITT-STREET.

LEICHHARDT—

NORTON WARD—TOWN HALL, NORTON-STREET.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN O'NEIL, late of North Wagga Wagga, in the colony of New South Wales, Mail Contractor, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CATHERINE AMY MAUD O'NEIL (commonly called AMY O'NEIL), of North Wagga Wagga aforesaid, the Widow of the said deceased. All persons having claims against the above Estate are required to furnish particulars of same to the undersigned forthwith. Notice is also given that Application will be made herein to reduce the amount of or dispense with the usual Administration Bond and Sureties. W. M. J. WALSH, Proctor, Wagga Wagga. Agents, M'DONELL and MOFFITT, 355 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES JEFFERY, late of Euroka, Macleay River, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES HENRY BETTS and WILLIAM TURNBULL, both of Euroka, the Executors named in the said Will. JOHN GILFILLAN, Proctor for Executors, Kempsey. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, 16 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JOHN ANDREW GARDINER, late of Gobolion, near Wellington, in the colony of New South Wales, Esquire, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Codicil of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM NATHANIEL MOULDER, one of the Executors named in the said Will (ERNEST JAMES MATTHEWS, the other Executor named therein, having renounced). LEE, COLQUHOUN, and BASSETT, Proctors, Orange and Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SAMUEL JOHN HOSKING, late of Halsetown, in the borough of Saint Ives, county of Cornwall, England, Miner, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Letters of Administration granted by her Majesty's High Court of Justice in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the seal of this Court. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors for Applicant, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN THORPP, late of Goulburn, in the colony of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN GEORGE THORPP, one of the Executors named in the said Will, the other Executor, ALBERT JOHN WOMBEY, having duly renounced Probate thereof. EDWARD HOWARD, Proctor for the said Executor, Goulburn. By J. T. RALSTON, 114a Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN FLYNN, late of Dry Creek, near Parkville, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN WILLIAM HOPPER and WILLIAM YOUNG the elder, the executors named in the said Will. JOHN ABBOTT KINGSMILL SHAW, Proctor for the Executors, Scone. By his Agents, ABBOTT and ALLEN, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ROBERT KYLE, late of Kyle's Bay, Kogarah, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to CAROLINE MILNE WILLIAMS, a daughter of the said deceased. M'EVILLY and M'EVILLY, Proctors for the Applicant, 13 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction. In the Will of NORMAN JOHN CAMPBELL, late of Marrickville, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, railway employee, deceased. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ROBERT HOLLIS and JOHN SMITH, the Executors and Trustees in the said will named. RICHARD WATSON WALKER M'COY, Proctor for Executors, City Mutual-chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of LEWIS SOLOMONS, late of North Sydney, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SARAH SOLOMONS, the Executrix named in the said will. THOMAS ORMOND O'BRIEN, Proctor for the said Executrix, 41 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HUGH M'GLINCHY, late of North Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EMILY BUCHANAN, a sister, and one of the next of kin of the said deceased. WILLIAM SYMONS GRAY, Proctor for the Applicant, Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ANNE COLEBORNE, late of Oatley, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM GEORGE COLEBORNE, a son of the said deceased.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction. In the Estate of HENRY WILLIAM SADLER, late of William-street, in the colony of New South Wales, Chemist, deceased, intestate.—All Creditors of the said deceased are requested to send in notice of their claims to the undersigned. URQUHART and STEEL, Proctors for the Administratrix, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

Religious Announcements.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.—Centenary Hall, THIS DAY.—9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Pastoral Sessions. Second Reading of Stations; 7.30 p.m., Representative Session, Sustentation Society Affairs, Loan Funds, Methodist Aggression, &c.

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Meetings.

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The Annual MEETING of this Association will be held on MONDAY, 13th March, in the Hall of the Institution, at 8 p.m., and will be followed by a Concert given by the Blind Workers, assisted by some blind friends.

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20 Ditto ditto ditto, from Inglebourn
50 Ditto ditto Pigs, from Camden
50 Ditto ditto ditto, from Goulburn
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Auctioneers' Offices, 74 Castlereagh-street.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE.—To the Trade, Brokers, and Private Buyers.—I have much pleasure in announcing that, having made extensive alterations and additions to the City Auction Rooms, 242 Pitt-street, opposite School of Arts, have opened same for the Sale by Auction of Furniture and all kinds of Merchandise, and trust by courtesy, attention, and prompt settlement of account sales, to merit a fair share of public patronage. All kinds of Goods received at the Rooms for Sale, and will be most carefully displayed alike in the interests of purchasers and vendors. Outdoor Sales conducted on most moderate terms.

C. BROWNE, Auctioneer and Valuator.

N.B.—FIRST SALE at the Rooms, MONDAY, 13th instant, at 11 a.m. For full particulars see Monday's and Thursday's Advt. Morning Herald.

SEAFORTH PROCTER will sell by auction, at his Mart, 61 Ultimo-road, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 11 o'clock, OREGON TIMBERS, 12 x 1, 12 x 1, 10 x 1, all lengths.

Auction Sales.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

MARCH 10th, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.,

at

LAWSON and SMITH'S AUCTION ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING STREET.

Under instructions from Mrs. BROWNING, AND ON ACCOUNT OF OTHER INTERESTS.

SUPERIOR FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

Removed from her Residence for CONVENIENCE OF SALE.

THE COMPLETE APPOINTMENTS and SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Also, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE, under instructions from THE MANAGER OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

UNDER MORTGAGE.

SECOND PIANOFORTES.

WALNUT PIANOFORTE, by H. LISTEIN
WALNUT PIANOFORTE by AUCHER FRERES
EBONISED PIANOFORTE by PHILLIP FRERES
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, by E. RUMMER
ROSEWOOD PIANOFORTE, by COLLARD and COLLARD
WALNUT PIANOFORTE, by AUCHER FRERES, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS.

JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at the ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, as above, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 10th, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

☞ WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

Important to Showmen, those interested in Scientific Appliances, the Medical Faculty, and Others.

MONDAY NEXT, MARCH 13th, at 11 o'clock a.m.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION in consequence of the RECENT FIRE ON THE PREMISES.

The whole of the WORKING PLANT and SCIENTIFIC APPLIANCES of

THE POLYTECHNIC CINEMATOGRAPH and RONTGEN X RAY EXHIBITION, 72 KING-STREET, opposite the Arcade, including TWO X RAY APPARATUS, complete.

Edison Spring Motor Phonograph, Records, Wax Cylinders, Electric Fans.

EDISON CINEMATOGRAPH
WRENCH CINEMATOGRAPH.

Weighing Machine, Microscope, Height Standards, 2 Spirometers, 2 Kinetoscopes, Megaphone, Cinematograph Camera and Finder, &c., &c.

40 CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS.

A Valuable and Carefully Selected Assortment.

Lamp Shades, Shell-shaped Reflectors, Lamp Holders, Switches, Electric Wire, Galvanic Batteries, &c., &c.

Also, CHAIRS, LINOLEUM, and FITTINGS.

☞ WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, as above, at THE POLYTECHNIC, 82 KING-STREET, OPPOSITE THE ARCADE, on MONDAY NEXT, MARCH 13th, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 10th MARCH, AT 11 A.M.

At BROOK and CO.'S MART, 116 ELIZABETH-STREET, near Liverpool-street.

THE REGULAR SALE BY AUCTION of FURNITURE.

Full particulars will duly appear in to-morrow's issue.

H. W. BROOK and CO. will sell on account of owners, TO-MORROW, AT 11 A.M.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock, To Silversmiths, Jewellers, Pawnbrokers, Dealers, and Others.

IMPORTANT and TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE of VERY FINE DIAMOND and PERSONAL JEWELLERY and STERLING SILVER TABLE WARE, Under instructions from the Trustees.

MAGNIFICENT 11-STONE DIAMOND BROOCH
MAGNIFICENT 8-STONE DIAMOND BROOCH
(The stones in the Brooches are first quality Brazilian, and are of unequalled beauty.)
CLUSTER DIAMOND and SAPPHIRE BROOCH
Miniature Gold Keyless Watch and Bracelet, Set with Pearls
Lady's Gold Htg. Keyless Lever
Moonstone Brooch, &c.
2 BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED STERLING SILVER TEA and COFFEE SERVICES (4 pieces)
VERY FINE STERLING SILVER HOT-WATER KETTLE, on STAND, with Lamp, complete
STERLING SILVER EGG STAND and SPOONS
Case of 12 Sterling Silver Dessert Knives and Forks
2 VERY MASSIVE STERLING SILVER SALVERS
COMPLETE SERVICE of STERLING SILVER TABLE Ware, about 90 pieces
STERLING SILVER TOASTRACK
Very Fine E.P. SOUP TUREEN and Ladle
2 Breakfast Cruets, 6 Napkin Rings
CASE 12 IVORY-HANDLED FISH KNIVES and Forks
PAIR HANDSOME CANDELABRAS
Egg Spoons, Dinner Gong, Cake Tray
&c., &c., &c.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock, as above.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

WOOLLENS. WOOLLENS.

TO TAILORS, OUTFITTERS, MANUFACTURERS.

SPECIAL and IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

In our Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street.

Under Instructions from Woollen Merchant, who has instructed us to Dispose of this Stock by Public Auction.

JAMES RODD and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, in their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, TO-MORROW, at 11,

The above Stock of Woollens.

SERGES, MELTONS, SERGERETTES, VICUNAS, TROUSERINGS, SUITINGS, 3-4 and 6-4 TWEEDS, COATINGS, TAILORS' TRIMMINGS, SILKS.

To the Woollen Trade and Manufacturers this Sale offers an excellent opportunity. The Selection is large and varied. The Weights specially suitable for coming season. Original lengths, also cut ends.

At 12 sharp, on account those concerned, 1 Case, containing Pocketing, Silesias, Italians, Buttons, 12lb. Silk, assorted. Quantity Mercery. 14 W.P. and Box Coats.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

NOTE.—TO-MORROW, at 11 sharp.

TUESDAY, 21st MARCH, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

To Fellmongers, Boiling-down Works, Carriers, Engineers, Iron Founders, Metal and Machinery Buyers, &c.

In the Bankrupt Estate of H. MACNAMARA, by order of N. F. GBILIN, Esq., Official Assignee.

R. G. WATKINS and CO., Machinery Auctioneers, 107 Kent-street, are instructed to sell by auction at Macnamara's Boiling-down Works, Coward-street (North), Botany, on TUESDAY, 21st March, at 2 o'clock, the Whole of the Plant, &c., in above Estate, now being dismantled, and consisting of

Horizontal Engines, Boilers
Digesters, Centrifugal
Retorts, Steam Jacketed Pans, Tanks
Tallow Coolers, Steam Pumps
Excellent Bonemill Plant, with Link Bucket Elevator, Fan, &c., complete
Weighing Machines, Bone Dust
Large Lot Cast and Wrought Iron Pipe and Fittings, Valves, &c.
Immense Quantity Cast and Wrought Scrap Iron, Drays, Trollies.

TERMS, CASH.

To Dealers, Private Buyers, and Others. UNDER BILL OF SALE.

HYAM HAINS has received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by public auction, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 a.m., at his Rooms, 7 City-chambers, 243 Pitt-street, city,

4 Pianos (eminent makers), Pier Glass, First-class Bicycle, Chest Drawers, M. Canterbury, M.T. W. Stand, Confectioner's Stove, Chairs, Pictures, Miscellaneous Furniture, &c., &c.

NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.

Auction Sales.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. E. R. Lazarus, of the Market Loan Office, 50 Market-st.

At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c. At 12 o'cl'k, Sundries, comprising Field and Opera Glasses, Cutlery, Platedware, Clocks, Guns, Revolvers, Books, &c. Also 2 Bicycles (1 lady's and 1 gent.'s). At 2 o'clock, Jewellery, consisting of Single-stone and Half-hoop Diamond Rings, Gold and Silver Chronographs and Lever Watches, Diamond Brooches, Earrings, Bracelets, Pins and Studs, Gold Alberts, Chains, Necklets, Links, &c., Dress, Signet, Wedding, and Keeper Rings.

AUCTION SALE of UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited, of 74 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, to sell by public auction, on their Premises,

Their UNREDEEMED PLEDGES, as under (unless previously renewed or redeemed), on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 14th and 15th March instant, at 11 o'clock, Without Reserve:—

June.—8th, g wed ring; 9th, g h k Waltham 679868, g h k Waltham 7367254; 14th, diamond and st ring, single st diamond ring, s o f lever 118775, s o f geneva 153 8, Waterbury watch, sil albert and sovn purse, r diamond ring; 28th, silver inkstand (incomplete), diamond bracelet.

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July.—1st, g wed ring, g trophy (boating), cameo ring, s h geneva 8294, s albert and locket, g nugget, g brooch and g keeper, brass instrument, s h Waltham 937109 (dgd) and piece sil chain, diamond pin, g h repeating chronograph 5008, 10 e p spoons and 8 forks, h k watch 109458; 2nd, g nugget ring, g horse pin, diamond and st buck ring, g bug pin, 3-stone sapphire ring (broken), g wed ring, lens and condenser, g chain bracelet and g brooch, g sig ring, s knife, fork, and ladle, d b b l g gun, g albert and trinket; 4th, g h lever 9975, g albert and locket, s o f k geneva 17685, s h lever 129060, s h k Waltham 7373776, 28 e p spoons 24 e p forks, 23 knives, 2 prs carvers, 1 steel and butter knife, g keeper, g o f lever 15190, g c albert, 2 st diamond bracelets and 12 st diamond ring, s h k Waltham 218977, g bracelet, pearl bird brooch (1 pearls missg), diamond and st bracelet, diamond locket; 5th, g w ring, s h lever 26704 (no cap), g albert, trophy, and g signet ring, violin, masonic apron and jewel, g curb albert and g mourning ring, crystal pin, half-sovereign, s h k Waltham 2068843, sil h lever 26488 and s c albert; 6th, g h k lever 44778, g albert (no bar) and s sov purse, bag containing common jewellery, g h k Waltham 5460044, g albert and trophy, g bangle, fieldglass, s o f k lever 92243, s o f k geneva 1022438; 7th, pr g s links, tape measure, ld's saddle, g band ring; 8th s h k Waltham 2358604, s albert and g nugget ring, g nugget, 3 e p tablespoons and 2 funnels, s h lever 26175 and g cable albert; 9th, g bangle and watch (combd), g hog ring, s h k watch 6997735 and g pin, g h k geneva 69452 albert, g chain bracelet, pr g earrings and diamond brooch, g keeper, g d rings (4 sts out), g bar brooch, 2-stone ring, s h Waltham 691-550, 2 books, pearl and stone ring and 3 seals (in bag), g chain brooch and g keeper, g brooch, earrings, and g cross, g keeper; 11th, 12 e p spoons and forks and 2 nap rings, violin and bow, concertina, s h k Waltham 6903149, paste ring, 12 e p spoons and 6 forks, 12 s brooches, 6 pins, 3 trinkets and 2 studs, g o f lever 1080, dictionary; 12th, s h geneva 13845 and s albert, stone ring, opera glass, g bangle and g brooch, 2 g d rings (dgd), camera, lens, and slide, part g albert and sil sovn purse, sm diam brooch, half-hoop pearl ring and diamond and st ring, piece 9ct gold (1dwt), s h Waltham 4096398 (dgd), long g chain; 13th, Winchester rifle, sil h watch 16334, pearl mourning ring, half-hoop diamond ring, rose diamond brooch (1 st short), sil h lever 23198, s albert and metal sovn purse, 19 w m tools, s o f geneva 73878, g signet ring, sil h lever 10821 and s albert; 14th, 2½ doz tablespoons, 1½ doz forks, sil gilt mas jewel, writing desk, diam and stone d ring, pearl and coral h s pin, diamond and st ring, g nugget (1oz 8dwt), opal brooch, s o f geneva 122135, pearl brooch, g wedding ring, g c albert and locket, enlarging lantern, g buckle ring, 4 gold studs, 2 g chain bracelets; 15th, r diamond and turq ring, g pin, seal, 3 g studs and stone ring, g c albert, sil h lever 19159 and g c albert, s h k geneva 60821, s albert and trophy, part g cross and pair sols, diamond and stone brooch, g locket; 16th, sil h lever 31252 and g c albert, g bangle, opal ring and s cigar case, stone ring, stick, g wed ring, 9 forks, 8 spoons and 3 knives, d b b l gun, field glass, diamond snake ring, 25 spoons and 9 forks, diamond and st ring, field glass, s o f k geneva 9352, s h k chronograph 60247, g albert and trinket; 18th, g h lever 47498, g bangle, g brooch, opal ring, opera glass, button hook and glove stretcher, s cigar case, 2 leather cigar cases, g compass and st pin, g h geneva 747797, g albert and trinket, 4 brooches, purse, paper knife and snuffbox, pearl band ring, g albert and locket, steel tape, g brooch and earrings and s coin brooch and earrings, 2 stone opal ring and 3 stone studs, g h k geneva 84463, g albert and trinket, s o f k Waltham 1057380, pr g eyeglasses, sm 2 stone diam ring; 19th, sil h lever 43245, g h k Waltham 4015874 and g albert, plated liqueur frame (3 bottles), sm diam ring (2 sts out), diamond and sapphire ring, g wed ring and keeper, cruet; 20th, diamond collar stud, r diamond and st d ring, half-hoop diamond ring, diamond and stone ring, sm diam ring and opal ring (1 opal out), single st diamond ring, s albert, g wedding ring and mass trinket, cruet g necklet and locket, 5 pearl studs, 2 carbuncle rings and diamond marq ring, s o f lever 83149 and part g albert, ivory card case and 2 sm bottles (dg), small diam and stone d ring; 21st, small s s diamond ring, opal bangle, opal ring, r diamond ring, 3 r diamond and st rings and g masonic jewel, pr g links, 2 g studs, pr r diam and pin, g chain bracelet, English concertina, 3 st diamond bracelet, g albert and trophy, diamond h s pin, g wedding ring and 2 keepers (James), g nugget, 3 stone diamond ring and diamond and st ring, r diamond ring (1 stone short), guitar, rediam masonic pin and g h s pin, g c albert and locket; 22nd, g albert, sing stone diamond ring, 2 g coins, g masonic trinkets and greenstone, rifle (in case), sing stone diamond ring; 25th, sil h k waltham 3022376, 2 prs field glasses, book, g albert and locket, g c albert and greenstone, 6 s teaspoons, g wedd ring, s d h k geneva 45380 (dgd) and s albert (no bar), 4 g studs, 8 spoons and 9 forks, opal brooch, g brooch, r diamond and sapphire ring, 3-stone opal ring, field glass, s h lever 78533, g albert (no bar), and s s diam ring, g brooch and earrings; 23rd, g h k waltham 5403796, 12 dessert knives and forks, sing s diamond ring, sing st diamond pin, g wedd ring; 26th, pr g s links, g mtd tusk bangle, pr g mtd earrings, diamond sapphire and ruby ring; 28th, 2 plated salts and spoons, e p teapot, gold and quartz albert, st ring, s h lever 29908 (dgd), s h lever 43567 (dgd) and chain, diamond and st ring, s cigarette case and watch (combined), g w ring and stone ring (1 st short), diamond and opal ring, o f b m watch, g mtd ribbon albert, cameo g h s pin and coral pin, diamond and st brooch, 3 s spoons, 1 teaspoon and g mtd hair albert, case surgical instruments and electric battery; 29th, locket and gold chain, diam and st snake ring, sm camera, pce chain and seal, s necklet, pendant (st out), s h k geneva 26262, g bangle, g locket, g brooch and g mourning ring, plated tea and coff service, 11 st diamond bracelet, long link g albert (15ct), letterpress diamond enamel ring; 30th, sm s s diam ring, g c albert, h k geneva 26437 and s albert, pr diamond earrings, 3 d b b l h guns, 3 d b b l guns and 3 rifles, 2 g brooches, butter dish, g o f lever 63,31 (part case short), revolver, open f met watch and 6 e p napkin rings, 2 plated dish covers, g neckchain, locket, pr g keepers and e p butt knife, field glass, s h geneva 01505, albert and trinket, g wed ring, g h lever 8472 and g albert, pr gold s links, g h k waltham 3022622.

Also a quantity of goods upon which the sum of five shillings and under has been advanced.

And all other goods previously advertised and kept over by request of pawners.

CLOTHING.

The UNREDEEMED CLOTHING, as under, of the N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE D. and I. COMPY., Ltd., will be sold at the Rooms of JOHN P. LISTER, LABOUR BAZAAR AUCTION ROOMS, 247a PITT-STREET, on FRIDAY, 17th MARCH instant, at half-past 2 o'clock, Without Reserve:—

1898.

November—1st, saddle, bridle, spurs, and bag, velvet pile tablecloth; 2nd, lace collar, cuffs, and 2 yds lace, dress suit, 2 prs tweed trousers; 3rd, wig; 4th, remnant material and sash; 5th, 14 s ulster and dressing gown, dress suit, tweed suit, leather trunk containing military clothing, pce embroidery and 2 silk falls, Paisley shawl; 7th, 11 pcs lady's underclothing, evening dress cape and shawl, skirt and jacket, black skirt and jacket; 8th, overcoat, grey suit, 4 skirts, cap, jacket, and 8 arts linen; 10th, serge coat, 2 pairs trousers; 11th, dress, overcoat, 2 skirts and 2 jackets, light suit; 12th, 5 wigs; 14th, 2 sealskin jackets, dress suit and pr razors, pr curtains, mack, trousers and vest, piece silk, toilet covers and baby's linen, 2 remnants dress material, about 4 yds black silk; 15th, serge suit, suit and trousers, black skirt and nightdress, suit; 16th, white silk dress and veil suit, jacket and cape tweed coat and vest and flannel trous, trous, vest, and shirt, macintosh and jacket in sm portmanteau; 17th, skirt and jacket, dress and cape, glad. bag and clothing, 4 prs boots and pr shoes and trous, pr boots, 3 prs boots and 3 prs shoes, 2 prs boots and 5 prs shoes, 5 prs boots and 2 prs shoes, overcoat, dress coat and vest and dinner jacket, blk coat and vest, suit; 18th, dressing gown, bodice, jacket and skirt, dress suit, pr blankets and pr sheets, tin box containing macintosh, light suit in bag, suit; 19th dress suit and coat, Jewish scarf, coat, vest, 2 shirts and flannel trous, 7 pieces linen, pr curtains and 7 silk handkerchiefs, black skirt and jacket; 21st, frock coat, vest and trous, Rover bicycle 3036, silk dress (in bag); 22nd, bicycle "Cleveland" 104828, macintosh, 4 frocks (in box), pr blankets, grey coat and vest, black silk vest, trous and vest, dress suit, 2 skirts, 2 jackets, pr boots and tray cloth, skirt, trousers and vest, overcoat, dress suit, dinner jacket, (in gladstone bag); 24th, serge coat and vest, trousers and vest; 25th, macintosh, 7 shirts and 4 remnants, serge overcoat, serge skirt and jacket, dress suit; 26th, pr serge trousers, serge suit, light suit (dgd), macintosh, walking coat and vest, coat, trous, and 2 vests, serge coat and trousers; 28th, overcoat, dress, pce dress material, serge suit, remnant material and white petticoat, blue costume and hat, brown suit, lt tweed trousers and vest, check overcoat, suit; 29th, dress and skirt, overcoat, maroon dress; 30th, "New Rapid" bicycle 4832, lt's" New Rapid" bicycle 28791, frock coat and vest, opera cloak and dress (in basket) dgd, 7 sheets, coat and vest, pr boots, dress and suit.

Also a quantity of goods upon which the sum of five shillings and under has been advanced.

THIS DAY, at 2.30 p.m.

On the Premises, 2 Wellesley-street, Summer Hill.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

J. O. LITTLE and CO. will sell as above. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket,—Handsome SUITE, Pictures, Large Dining Table, Single and Double Bedsteads, Spring Mattresses, Kapok Bedding, Washstands Ware, Kitchen Tables, Dresser, and Utensils. No Reserve.

CHOICE COTTAGE HOME at NORTH SYDNEY.

AUCTION SALE, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30. In the Rooms, 3 ROWE-STREET (off Pitt-street), opp. G.P.O.

W.B. COTTAGE, 4ft. hall, 5 rooms, kitchen and washshed, erected on lot 31, section 4, Bridge Estate, having a frontage of 40ft. to Cairo-street by a depth of 134ft.

TORRENS TITLE.

D. J. M'INTYRE and CO. have received instructions to offer by auction, in their Rooms, 3 Rowe-street, city, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m., The above Superior Cottage. Torrens title. Terms at Sale.

Auction Sales.

ORDER OF SALE

SHARES and PROPERTIES to be submitted by PUBLIC AUCTION THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., by HUGH DUFF and CO., at their Salerooms, 100 PITT-STREET.

2 CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SHARES.

PETERSHAM.—TO MILLERS, BAKERS, and OTHERS.—NEW CANTERBURY and WARDELL ROADS.—BRICK SHOP, with Dwelling of 7 ROOMS, kitchen, washhouse, bathroom, large cellar, bakehouse with 2 ovens. EXTENSIVE STABLING and COACHHOUSE. RENT, £160 PER AN.

GORDON, close to RAILWAY STATION.—CECIL STREET, adjacent to LANE COVE-ROAD, adjoining the properties of Messrs. R. E. and J. M. Callaghan. BLOCK of 1a. 1r. 19p.

ARNCLIFFE.—DUNCAN-STREET, CLOSE TO STATION. FOR ABSOLUTE SALE. 3 SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES, built of stone, slate roof, each containing 5 rooms, kitchen, laundry, pantry, stable with one horse. Further particulars from the Auctioneers,
HUGH DUFF and CO., 100 Pitt-street.

ORDER OF SALE

CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

At the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Store, No. 64 Sussex-street, just north of Erskine-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

NEWTOWN.—Allotment, King-street South, adjoining Ounmbah-terrace (Nos. 424 to 430). Deceased Estate.

DITTO.—Two Houses, Nos. 93 and 95 Campbell-street, between Nelson and Elizabeth streets. Deceased Estate.

DITTO.—Two Houses, Eureka and Crannon, Fowler-street, little south of Alice-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

PETERSHAM.—House, Roma, Brighton-street, west of Palace-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

BALMAIN.—Cottage, No. 17 Clayton-street, close to Mort's Dock. Mortgagee's Sale.

DITTO.—House, No. 199 Evans-street, at corner of Elsie-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

WAVERLEY.—Cottage, No. 14 Lawson-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

ARNCLIFFE.—Residence and Grounds, Forest-road, corner of Waddell-street, known as Mrs. Peddel's. Deceased Estate.

AUBURN.—Martha Cottage, Normanby street, west of Alice-street. Curator's Sale.

LIVERPOOL.—Block of sa. 1½p., Bigges, Lachlan, and Goulburn streets, on the hill. Deceased Estate.

PARISH of PROSPECT.—Lots 17 to 20, sec. 8, Railway and Oxford streets. Deceased Estate.

RIVERSTONE.—Various Allotments, Riverstone-parade, Crown, George, and Campbell streets, Dulwich-road. Deceased Estate.

CANLEY VALE.—Lots, Clarendon and Torrens streets. Deceased Estate.

BERRIMA.—Allotment 7, sec. 11, Surrey-street. Deceased Estate.

GOULBURN.—Various Allotments, Government-road, Marsden and Bennett streets, City View Estate. Deceased Estate.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

DULWICH HILL, Marrickville.

A NEAT COTTAGE, of brick on stone, slate roof, containing 7 rooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, laundry, verandah back and front.

LAND, 44ft. to ROACH-STREET, depth 120ft. Title Torrens.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above described COTTAGE VILLA, situated in a healthy locality, well elevated, and convenient to tram, train, and 'bus.

No. 40 ELIZABETH-STREET, WATERLOO, close to Redfern Park.

A COSY BRICK COTTAGE, containing verandah in front, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, scullery, washhouse, &c., stable and vehicle shed, with loft over of G.I.

LAND, 15 x 112, good lane at rear.

Title, Leasehold, 55 years to run. Ground rent £6 10s per annum.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited, will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, AT 11.30 A.M.

SMALL INVESTORS, CAB and VAN PROPRIETORS, are recommended to watch this opportunity.

BARNSLEIGH HEIGHTS.

A GEM.

COTTAGE, well built, of brick, slate roof, containing wide hall, 4 large and lofty main rooms, vestibule, dining-room, off which two bedrooms, pantry, bathroom, and kitchen; at rear laundry, verandah, hothouse, &c.; tiled verandah in front well set up, approached by tiled pathway and neat steps through pretty garden plot from street alignment, which is iron railing on stone coping.

LAND, 50ft. frontage to BARNETT-AVENUE, depth 132ft.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

"ALVA,"

A COMPLETE little HOME, in perfect order, artistically decorated in exquisite taste, and situated, a few minutes distant from the tramway stations, tram, or 'bus. WORTH INSPECTION.

NORMANHURST, MARRICKVILLE HEIGHTS, served by two lines of train and tram, within a few minutes' walk of either, and 'bus almost to the door.

A COMMODIOUS COTTAGE VILLA, in excellent order, ready for immediate occupation, well built of brick on deep stone foundation, slate roof, containing verandah, wide entrance hall, large double drawing-room, dining, sitting, and 5 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, pantry, &c. OUTBUILDINGS, of wood and iron, comprise Laundry, Workshop, Sheds, Bushhouse, &c.

THE LAND is terraced, and a Clay TENNIS COURT forms a feature. Frontage 66 VIEW-STREET 116ft. depth, 167ft. 10in.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited, will submit to PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above ATTRACTIVE and COMPACT FAMILY RESIDENCE.

For POSITIVE SALE in consequence of the owner's engagements having necessitated removal to another district.

LEICHHARDT or BALMAIN WEST.

An elevated situation, enjoying frequent communication with town both by tram and 'bus.

In the Estate of the late Mr. Charles Little. By order of the Trustees.

LAND in dimensions approximately MOORE-STREET, 256ft. frontage, BALMAIN-ROAD, 198ft. frontage.

BUILDINGS thereon comprise Nos. 113 to 123 BALMAIN-ROAD, consisting of two pairs of two-story Houses and two Cottages, of brick, iron roofs, each containing 4 rooms, &c. All tenanted, rental £93 12s per annum.

PORTION OF THE LAND IS VACANT, viz., Corner about 71 x 163; allotments 22ft. to Balmain-road by depth 102ft.; also about 140ft. to Moore-street, by 198ft.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Limited, will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, MARCH 14, AT 11.30 A.M.

Sketch Plan on view at the Rooms.

The property will be first offered IN ONE LINE; then, failing sale, in lots to suit the requirements of purchasers.

H. DAVIS, Esq., Beresford-chambers, 20 Castlereagh-street, is SOLICITOR for the Trustees.

In the Estate of Mr. Rudolph Wickham, deceased. By order of the Administrator.

BALMAIN.

1. SHOP and 2 HOUSES, built of brick, iron roof, the former containing 5 apartments, the latter each 3 rooms.
LAND has frontage about 101ft. to ENNIS-STREET.

2. CAPITAL BUILDING LOT, 22ft. 9in. frontage to MANSFIELD-STREET, mean depth about 97ft. Titles: Torrens Act.

BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., are instructed to subject the above to PUBLIC AUCTION at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, AT 11.30 A.M.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE, to Close the Estate.

UNRESERVED SALE.

ST. LEONARDS PARK ESTATE, NORTH SYDNEY, ON THE ROUTE OF THE ELECTRIC TRAM EXTENSION.

Close to St. Leonards' Station and Parker's Corner.

40 x 117¼, fronting PARK-ROAD (off Lane Cove-road), with lane at rear, being Lot 54, Sec. 3. Also, Lot 11, Sec. 1, 40 x 120, fronting PORTLAND-ROAD, with lane at rear.

GOOD VIEWS OF THE HARBOUR.

HARDIE and GORMAN will sell the above by public auction, in their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., NEXT WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, 1899.

PLAN on View.

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Plans from the Auctioneers.

UNRESERVED SALE.

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8 WORKMEN'S BUILDING LOTS.

Lots 14, Sec. 1, 30 to 33; sec. 2, 40 and 41; sec. 3 and 16, sec. 4 of the NEW BIRMINGHAM ESTATE. Frontages to CLARENCE, CECIL, NORMANBY, and MANCHESTER ROADS, each lot 33 x 132.

TITLE, TORRENS. TERMS, EASY.

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TENDERS are invited up to 4 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, for the making of a Valuation of Rateable property within the Borough by two competent persons.
The specification of duties may be seen at the Town Hall during office hours.
Tenders must be addressed to the Mayor and endorsed as such.
The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
J. GOLDEN HINSBY, Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Camperdown, 6th March, 1899.

BOROUGH OF YOUNG.
TENDERS are required for the Removal of Nightsoil with the air-tight interchangeable system of pans.
Tenders, with specifications, will be received at this office up to the 15th instant.
W. J. CRANFIELD, Acting Council Clerk.
Town Hall, 7th March, 1899.

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TENDERS are hereby invited and will be received at my office up to noon on FRIDAY Next, 10th instant, for the Purchase of the Stock of Wines, &c., Furniture, Fittings, and Goodwill of the Business carried on by the late Pietro Munari as a Wine Bodega.
Information as to Stock, Lease of Premises, &c., can be obtained at my office.
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T. W. GARRETT, Curator of Intestate Estates.
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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon of MONDAY, the 27th March, 1899, for the Erection of an Extension of the Wharf at Suva, Fiji. Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Morgan and Smith, 311 Kent-street. Ceteris paribus preference will be given to tender undertaking to complete the work in the shortest time.
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The Mine, consisting of 5 acres, under lease 1413
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Winding Plant
Half Mile of Tramway
Iron Shed
Sundries therein.
Lot 2.
12-H.P. Portable Engine
10-Head Stamper Battery
Tangye Pump
Iron Shed
Sundries therein.
All tenders must be accompanied with a deposit of 10 per cent. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Separate tenders to be sent in for each lot.
W. TANNER, Jun., Legal Manager.
Orange, 7th March, 1899.

SUTTON and CO., Carriers, Customs Agents, York and Market sts. Lowest quot's. Cart. anywhere. T., 17, 776.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the Erection and Completion of a Church of England (of stone) at Merriwa.
Plans, specifications, and all particulars may be had on application at the offices of the undersigned; or to the Rev. J. Vosper, at Merriwa.
Sealed tenders must be forwarded to the undersigned on or before THURSDAY, March 23rd, at noon. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
G. SANDERS and SON, Architects, Purnell's-buildings, Watt-street, Newcastle.

TENDERS Painting New Weatherboard Cottage. Mr. J. S. Leggott, Meryla-st., Burwood.

TENDERS, Slating and Plastering Cottage. Laurence-st., Manly. labour only. Hind, builder.

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TENDERS wanted for Painting Cottage at Marrickville. Particulars at 16 Kennedy-st., Glebe Point.

TENDERS, Connecting Cottage with Sewer, &c. Hammetter, Marion-st., Leichhardt, next fire station.

TENDERS for Draining Foley Brothers' new stores, Sussex-st. F. W. Fishburn, contractor.

TENDERS wanted, small job Painting, &c. Apply 91 Wellington-st., Waterloo.

TENDERS wanted, Bricklaying, Plumbing, and Laying-on Water for Cottage. 24 Charles-st., Leichhardt.

TENDERS for Plastering (labour only) and Slating House. W. Barnes, 20 Randle-st., Newtown.

TENDERS wanted Connect House with Sewerage, 2 Fulham and Ruby sts., Newtown.

Tenders.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection of Additions to Hotel Wentworth, Wentworth Falls, for J. Toll, Esq. Tracings and Specifications at offices of the undersigned. Tenders to come in on or before THURSDAY, March 30th.
H. B. EYDES, Architect, Katoomba.
H. F. HALLORAN and CO., 94 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TENDERS are invited for Underscrubbing about 66 lots at Fletcher Park, Auburn. Particulars, E. C. V. BROUGHTON, 250 Pitt-street, Sydney.

TENDERS required for the Erection of a Brick Cottage at Sutherland for the various trades. Plan and specifications at Louise Ville, Sydenham-road, Marrickville.

TENDERS required, labour and material, 5-roomed Cottage, Artarmon. Plans and specifications to be seen at Police Station, Chatswood. Tenders close Monday next.

TO LABOURERS.—TENDERS wanted for small job of Filling In and Draining, labour only. Apply Mr. COLEMAN, Cooper's job, Percival-road, Annandale.

TO SURVEYORS.—Re competitive designs for St. Leonards Subdivision.—The first and second awards have been made to "Digna Sequamur" and "Semper Eadem" respectively. CHAPMAN and HAZLEWOOD.

TO BRICKLAYERS.—TENDERS wanted, labour only. Munro, Kent and Market sts.

TENDERS Brickwork of Cottage, labour only, Birrell-st., Waverley (ocean end). After 10, J. Williams.

WESTPORT HARBOUR BOARD.
SUPPLY OF IRONBARK TIMBER.
Written TENDERS, addressed to the Chairman, will be received until noon on FRIDAY, 31st March, 1899, for the supply of IRONBARK TIMBER. Schedules of sizes and quantities required are on view at the offices of the Harbour Boards of Wellington, Lyttelton, Otago, Auckland, and Westport, and at the offices of the Sydney Morning Herald, Newcastle Chronicle, and Grafton Argus.
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CHAS. N. GREENLAND, Secretary.

BAKER'S Oven FITTINGS, Ironwork, Tiles, Lamps, Bricks, Fireclay, &c.; Galvanised Iron at lowest rates; Slates, American and Welsh. G. E. CRANE and SONS, Factory and Stores, Pitt-street, Circular Quay.

Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF ERSKINEVILLE.
NOTICE is hereby given that an ASSESSMENT has been made upon all rateable Property within North, Middle, and South Wards of the abovementioned Borough, and RATES levied thereon of ONE SHILLING in the £ for GENERAL PURPOSES, and THREEPENCE HALFPENNY in the £ for LIGHTING THE STREETS WITH GAS, under the provisions of Sections 141 and 143 of the Municipalities Act of 1897.
The BOOKS containing such Assessment and Rates are now OPEN TO INSPECTION to all persons interested during office hours.
A COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS will be held at the Police Court, Newtown, on WEDNESDAY, March 15th, 1899, at 10 a.m., for the HEARING OF APPEALS against the Assessment for the current year.
NOTICE of APPEAL must be in writing and lodged with the Council Clerk seven days at least before the 15th day of March next.
WILLIAM F. BRAY, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Erskineville, February 27th, 1899.

BOROUGH OF ERSKINEVILLE.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned PROPERTIES have been assessed for the Current Municipal Year, 1899-1900, and RATES levied thereon of ONE SHILLING in the £ for GENERAL PURPOSES, and THREEPENCE HALF-PENNY in the £ for LIGHTING THE STREETS WITH GAS, under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1897:—
NORTH WARD.
Rate No. 363, Lot 11, Burren Estate, Burren-street—£12
Rate No. 364, Lot 9, Burren Estate, Burren-street—£12
Rate No. 365, Lot 7, Burren Estate, Burren-street—£10.
WILLIAM F. BRAY, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Erskineville, February 27th, 1899.

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AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION BILL.

THE MEASURE BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.

The President took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Jacob, leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to the Hon. Edward Greville on the ground of ill-health.

THE AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION BILL.

Dr. MacLaurin presented a petition signed by 14,078 citizens of Sydney in reference to the Federation Enabling Bill.

The petition was received, and, on the motion of Dr. MacLaurin, was read to the House. It pointed out, among other things, that in the opinion of the petitioners the bill as now proposed would fix the seat of the Federal Government indefinitely, if not permanently, at Melbourne, and that no attempt had been made to amend the financial clauses of the bill, which as they stood would be as harassing to this colony as the original bill. The petitioners therefore prayed that the House would take such steps as would conserve the just interests of New South Wales by providing that the amendments demanded by the country at the last general election should form portion of any bill to be submitted to the electors by way of referendum.

Dr. MACLAURIN: I can assure the Government that all the signatures have been obtained in the city, and a great many in the King Division.

Mr. BROWN: It is the combined intelligence of the city of Sydney.

Dr. MACLAURIN: And all obtained in six days. (Hear, hear.)

DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, on rising to move the second reading of the Australasian Federation Enabling Bill, was received with some cheering. He said he did not think, in spite of what was said by hon. members last night, that he should take up very much of the time of the House about the matter. He had no doubt that the statement made in that House last night that a large majority of the electors did not understand the bill or the amendments had no foundation in fact. He questioned if there was anything like the ignorance on the subject that some hon. members ascribed to the electors. The Convention Bill of 1898 was very fully discussed. For several months while the bill was in course of preparation by the Convention it was discussed from every point of view by those who were in favour of federation as expounded in the bill and by those who were opposed to it, and every opportunity was offered to the people throughout the length and breadth of the colony to discuss the provisions of the measure and make themselves acquainted with it. Hon. members must admit that that was very fully done. They all knew that when the vote was taken on June 3 last the statutory majority was not obtained in New South Wales; but still there was a definite majority of over 5200 polled in favour of the measure. Then the bill came before Parliament last session, and amendments as suggested by the Government and by both Houses were fully discussed, and finally Parliament carried certain special resolutions which were entrusted to the Premier to be placed before the Premiers of the other colonies. Of the suggested amendments four were not dealt with by the Premiers or were not accepted, and five were adopted, at any rate in a modified form. A distinct amendment was also adopted to meet the views of the Queensland Premier and the present measure embodying those amendments was introduced in pursuance of the promise made to the Premiers of the other colonies. On June 3, though the Convention Bill then submitted was not accepted by the statutory majority required by the Act, it was evident that in this colony there was a strong federal feeling, and he believed that no greater insult could be offered to anybody in New South Wales than to say that he was against federation, though there were many who were opposed to the bill or some of the clauses contained in it. So far from the matter being rushed through, every elector had had every possible opportunity of ascertaining the agreement arrived at by the Premiers.

Mr. CREED: They have not had them before them more than five weeks.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that the result of the conference had been before the electors since February 3. The main question now involved was whether the electors were to be allowed to express an opinion upon it with the amendments agreed to by the Premiers embodied in it, and he believed no one would disagree with him in saying that Parliament ought to follow the example which was set on June 3, and allow the electors to say whether they would accept the bill with the amendments now proposed or whether they still considered it unsatisfactory. The Government were satisfied that the result of the conference was the best that could be obtained, and hon. members who were ready to attack the Government on the result must remember that the position of the Premier was one of very great difficulty. (Hear, hear.) He certainly went to the conference with a majority of Parliament behind him, but not supported by a majority of the people, and he had to deal with the Premiers of five colonies, in three of which the bill had been adopted by large majorities of the people as it stood, and who had stated that they did not require any amendment. The position of the Premier was, therefore, a peculiarly difficult one. Since he had been sitting in the House as the representative of the Government he had heard some severe remarks made against the Premier, and no allowance had been made for the position he was in. It was declared that he had given up every point entrusted to him, that he was as clay in the hands of the potter, that he was gulled by those whom he could not himself gull, and that he failed to make a stand. Altogether he had been subjected to a torrent of vituperation.

Mr. BROWN: He evidently went to school with his lesson wholly unprepared.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said they had all done that in their time.

Mr. C. G. HEYDON: Then we have been put down to the bottom of the class.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Well, hon. members had not yet succeeded in putting the Premier there. (Hear, hear.) They could not expect the Premier to come back with the amendments, accepted line for line and word for word. They did not send him to the conference with resolutions which were carried unanimously by both Houses, and hon. members of that House did not accept the amendments of the other House in their entirety.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Why did you not give us a conference?

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Hon. members did not ask for a conference.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Mr. Want said he would not consent to a conference.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he thought a fair compromise had been arrived at by the conference with regard to the questions in dispute. The main questions were the three-fifths majority, the financial clauses, and what was known as the "Braddon Blot," and the question of the capital. Those were the three points raised by the opponents of the bill. The main opposition to the bill was as to the three-fifths majority, and on that the Premier had succeeded in getting the Premiers of the other colonies to accept his amendment. The hon. member Dr. MacLaurin admitted that it was a substantial amendment.

Dr. MACLAURIN: I said it was a certain amendment, but not a very great one.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that at any rate the hon. member admitted that there was an amendment, and he believed that in the opinion of many hon. members it was sufficient to satisfy them, having regard to the bill as it now stood. As to the Braddon Blot and the financial clauses he never liked those clauses, and did not like them now, but no hon. member, or anyone else, as far as he was aware, had been able to submit a proposal that would be acceptable in lieu of them by the Parliament and people of New South Wales. There was a proposal for pooling the railways and debts. He himself thought that was the best proposal, but would anyone tell him that the people of New South Wales would approve of it? He did not believe that either House would accept that proposal. There was no point, as far as he could judge, on which the people or the representatives of the people were more forcible or more indignant than on the question of the Federal Parliament taking over the railways. He thought it a pity, because he believed it was a good suggestion; but no Government would dare to place that proposal before the electors and expect to get a majority in favour of it. As a matter of fact the Braddon clause was withdrawn at the conference in the first instance; but then the question arose, upon which the time of the House was very much taken up, as to what should be put in its place. Insuperable difficulties were encountered, and as no acceptable suggestion could be made to take the place of the objectionable clause there was nothing for it but to reinsert it. But it was amended in a way that he thought would be acceptable under the circumstances. Hon. members did not seem to be agreed as to the effect of the Braddon clause. Dr. MacLaurin pointed out, with regard to the financial scheme, that it would bring oppression to everyone in New South Wales and endanger the solvency of five out of the six colonies. As to the Braddon clause, Dr. MacLaurin said personally he had no objection to it.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Not quite. He said although the Braddon blot, in his opinion, was exceedingly objectionable, it was a necessary consequence of the abominable financial proposals of the last bill, because it was a clumsy and awkward method of securing to the other colonies that the Federal Treasurer should have some consideration for them.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he was very glad to hear the hon. member's confession of faith. The next important question in connection with the failure of the bill to obtain the necessary support on June 3 was the federal capital. Upon that point the Premier was said to have given way altogether. It had been mentioned that under the amended bill the Federal Parliament would sit for years in Melbourne and never leave it. He could not really understand the point of view from which hon. members who gave vent to such expressions regarded the bill. It was beyond all question clear that the seat of the Federal Government was to be in New South Wales. (Cries of "When.") So soon as Parliament could provide it. (Laughter.) Hon. members laughed. Did they mean that the clause under discussion was inserted with the direct object of getting the capital fixed in Melbourne?

Mr. PILCHER: It looks very like it.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said when it was said that the other colonies entered into the agreement on which the clause was based with the direct intent of hoodwinking New South Wales and taking unfair advantage of this colony, hon. members must give some better reason than had been given to convince him of the correctness of their arguments. Would hon. members say they would accept a clause in the bill saying that the capital should be either in Sydney or Melbourne?

Mr. PILCHER: Will you put such a clause in?

The VICE-PRESIDENT: Certainly not. The hon. member would know what that would mean.

Mr. PILCHER: You are not game to do it.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said he did not propose to make any amendments in the bill. He would be delighted to see Sydney the capital, but when the question was voted on in the Assembly it was negatived by 78 votes to 12, and the Council only carried the proposal by 15 to 14. All the Premier was asked to do was to secure the capital for New South Wales and he got it.

Mr. L. F. HEYDON: But he was not to get it with the 100 miles bar.

The VICE-PRESIDENT: No; but had the matter been left, as originally, to the Federal Parliament to settle, New South Wales would have had no show. The Premier had got a very large concession in the matter from the other States, particularly from Victoria. On one ground he would object to either Sydney or Melbourne being selected as the capital, namely, that the capital of no important State was located at the seaside. It was too open to attack. Nevertheless, if he could get the capital in Sydney without the provision that it should be on federal territory he would take it. As to the question of the boundaries of States the amendment had been accepted. Practically there were only four of the suggested amendments which were not accepted in some form or other by the conference. One of those was the inland rivers question. He never thought that was a matter of very great importance. On the question of money bills, the House would probably not disagree with the action of the Premier. An hon. member had introduced a petition which he said in triumph was signed by 14,078 citizens of Sydney. It was in opposition to the Premier's agreement and to the acceptance of the Convention Bill as amended. It declared that only a bill as amended by the New South Wales Parliament would be acceptable to them. No doubt 14,078 citizens of Sydney objected to the capital being anywhere else than Sydney. He believed many little office-boys were got to sign the petition. The collectors of signatures were paid by results.

Dr. MACLAURIN: It was not Melbourne money they were paid with, at any rate.

The VICE-PRESIDENT: A great deal had been made of the petition. The hon. member who introduced it was not at all so particular about other petitions with which he did not agree, such as one presented from the citizens of Sydney in 1893, when the Government was introducing customs taxation proposals, which was signed by more than 14,000 persons. Circumstances altered cases. The Government would, he hoped, be excused if it did not pay that attention to a petition sent in exclusively by citizens of Sydney which it would have to pay to a petition forwarded by the people of New South Wales. He asked hon. members to do what they could to pass the measure, so that federation might be finally settled once and for all by the electors of New South Wales. The Premier, he thought, spoke the truth when he said he had now got the last ounce of concession out of the other colonies on the matter.

Dr. MACLAURIN congratulated the Vice-President of the Executive Council on his speech as being in every way worthy of the occasion. He was not surprised the hon. member was struck by the petition which had been presented. It would have been sent to the Assembly, where it must have also been very effective, only the Government got the bill through there hurriedly by sitting up to half-past 4 one morning, and thus prevented it from being sent in. Had another week been available for the collection of signatures the number who signed would have been 25,000 or 30,000. The signatures were coming in with the greatest rapidity. The other petition which had been alluded to had been presented to the Assembly in 1893. It was on a financial matter, and although the Assembly dealt with financial questions it neglected that petition, and endeavoured to drive the Council into interfering with what it had nothing to do. That was the real reason why the Council would not take much account of it. On the other hand the present petitioners had not had the opportunity of petitioning the Assembly, and their prayer was of concern to the Council. Upon the whole he agreed with the sketch of the proceedings given by the Vice-President of the Executive Council; but the hon. gentleman forgot that after the defeat of the Convention Bill at the polls there was not a single person throughout the length and breadth of the land who would say a word in favour of it. There was a universal chorus of hostile criticism. The reason why the Convention Bill was given such a large amount of support—and the same thing was played then as the hon member in charge of the bill was playing now—was because the cry was raised, "If you do not take this bill you cannot get federation at all." But immediately the bill was not accepted the people saw that they had been deceived. New South Wales was so essential to federation that the other colonies would not take any step until New South Wales would come in——

Dr. CREED: And take the initiative.

Dr. MACLAURIN: We took the initiative. Both Houses of Parliament agreed to certain resolutions which were in the main identical. But the Government failed even in such an important matter to do its constitutional duty and bring about union between the two Houses. But after all the divergence in the amendments was very small, and that only on one or two points. Mr. Reid went to Melbourne to meet the other Premiers and see the strength of his position. He was the representative of the colony indispensable to any federation. He was the representative of the colony which the other colonies had besought to come into the federation. He was the representative of the colony which everyone knew must bear the greater part of the expense when federation took place. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Reid was backed up by practically unanimous resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, and what did he do? He met his brother Premiers in Melbourne, and they proceeded to deliberate with closed doors. No hint came to the public as to the grounds on which they founded their arguments. Mr. Reid came back to Sydney having surrendered almost everything. First of all there was the amendment with respect to the three-fifths majority in the amendment of the constitution. That had been changed to an absolute majority of both Houses sitting together. But that was not what the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly demanded. The two Houses asked that it should be changed into a simple majority. If hon. members worked the question out they would find it was almost as difficult to get an absolute majority of both Houses as to get a three-fifths majority. So that the victory of Mr. Reid, which had been made so much of, and which certain persons had stated to be the origin of their conversion to the bill, was a very small one. Indeed, the difference between what Mr. Reid brought back and what the bill originally contained was very much like the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee; and that was the only victory of which he could boast. As to the 87th clause—the Braddon clause—he would deal with that when he considered the financial aspect of the bill; but he wished to point out with regard to that clause that during the campaign Mr. Reid was very strong on the wickedness of that particular clause; yet he gave it up at once. The other Premiers said to Mr. Reid, "Oh, but we require that clause;" and he gave it up at once. Then there was the question of the capital. The Legislative Council was in favour of Sydney being named the federal capital except Mr. Want, who was Attorney-General, and who had great weight on account of his opposition to the bill, and Sir Julian Salomons, who naturally carried great weight, because at one time he was a strong opponent of federation, though his opinions had undergone a great change during last session of Parliament. (Laughter.) It was agreed in the Assembly that the capital should be in New South Wales. Mr. Reid went down to the conference with that commission. First of all he gave up Sydney, then he went 100 miles outside Sydney, and said that at some future time, which the Federal Parliament should fix, the capital should be in some place outside that 100 miles limit. In the meantime the seat of Government would be in Melbourne.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: No.

Dr. MACLAURIN: The Federal Parliament will meet in Melbourne. What was the difference? Did the hon. member mean to say that the Federal Parliament would meet in Melbourne, and that the Federal Judiciary would sit in Bombala? (An hon. member: "Or Tumberumba.") It was too ludicrous to suppose that hon. members agreed with the very poor arguments of the Premier, which might be sufficient for another place, but which would not go down in the Legislative Council. Now, what did the exclusion of all places in the 100 miles limit mean? The population of the colony was 1,346,340 persons. Of that number 680,030 lived within the 100 miles radius, and 666,310 outside of it. So that the hon. member did not think that more than half the population of the colony was worthy to have the federal capital placed among them. There was only one reason why the limit was made. Albury was the place which had been decided on in Melbourne as the place for the federal capital. Then, by making this limit the Premier had prevented many country members from voting against the bill. They would not dare to do it, for each place would believe that it would have a chance of being selected as the site of the capital. But under the bill as it now stood the federal capital would never leave Melbourne, and the aspirations of the Melbourne people for the last 50 years would be carried out. In 1852 the Legislative Council of Victoria passed an address to the Queen praying that the Governor-General should be removed from Sydney and placed in Melbourne, and the arguments that were then used were that in everything Victoria was ahead of New South Wales. Now the positions were reversed. New South Wales was ahead of Victoria in everything. He did not use that as an argument, but he wanted to show how the tables were turned. Mr. Reid arranged that the Federal Parliament should begin in Melbourne and should remain there until the Parliament should agree to place the capital somewhere in New South Wales. The Federal Government before building the federal city would have to acquire 100 square miles of country, and the public buildings would cost between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000. In the meantime they would be living comfortably in Melbourne with everything to their convenience. And they would remain there until they decided to spend that sum in New South Wales. But the Federal Government would never be very well off. There would always be a struggle to keep down the expenditure, because increase of expenditure would mean the imposition of taxation of a very severe character. So that members of the Federal Parliament would throw every obstacle in the way of a proposal to spend such a large sum. There should be a time limit to the meeting of the Federal Parliament in Melbourne, and should the bill get into committee he would move an amendment providing for that time limit. As for the rivers question, Mr. Reid, in the campaign and in Parliament, said it was most important, and one on which New South Wales had been harshly treated, yet when the Premier went to Melbourne he gave it up. He now came to what was by far the most important part of the whole bill—the financial provisions of which the "Braddon blot" must be taken as a part. In spite of what the Government and the Premier might now say, the financial provisions of the bill were the cause of its rejection by New South Wales. (Hear, hear.) So much controversy took place that the Government was bound to appoint a financial commission to inquire into the matter. That commission brought in a report so condemnatory of the provisions of the bill that it at once carried a vast number of the public against the bill who had before been in doubt. (Hear, hear.) The bill was therefore destroyed—and not on account of the three-fifths majority clause. The essential and important objection was that the financial provisions were extremely bad. The Council said, "This House earnestly invites thorough inquiry into and more thorough consideration of the financial proposals, so as to avoid if possible excessive taxation, the prolonged system of bookkeeping, the uncertainty as to the amount of surplus to be provided, and the method of distributing it amongst the States." The Assembly also referred to those faults, so that there was practically unanimity in asserting that those were four points which we wanted the other colonies to consider. The Premier gave up the whole of the four points. He had done nothing except aggravate the distribution of the surplus by introducing the new provision by means of which the Federal Parliament would be at liberty to assist the necessitous States. Where was the Parliament to get the money? Was it to borrow it, and if so from whom? Was it to be a debt contracted by the federation or taken out of the surplus which ought to go to New South Wales? Whether it were right or wrong that the necessitous States should be supported it was certainly not in accordance with the wish of the House that the uncertainty should be aggravated. The Premier had failed in by far the most important part of the federal proposals to give effect to any one suggestion or request of either House. And yet he told them that he considered that they were pledged by his action, although in the most important part of the bill he had given up everything he contended for—everything that was most reasonable in the minds of the people of this colony—points which had succeeded in destroying the last bill. If a negotiator were appointed and he returned to consult those who had appointed him when he found that he could not carry out their desires, and if then they sent him back, knowing what he would have to do, then his appointers were bound by what he did. But if he met the other negotiators behind closed doors and made a bargain that was never intended by those who sent him—if he gave up everything—then must they confirm his action? If he found he could not reasonably carry out the instructions he should have come back to Parliament and informed it of his difficulties. Parliament could then have said, "Do what you please," or it could have altered its terms or appointed another negotiator. But having given up every principle he was instructed to carry out he came back and said, "I have given up everything, and you are bound by what I have done." The Premier was the Government, no doubt, but he was not entitled to pledge that House or the people opposed to the bill. They still retained their right. The Premier's contention was utterly beside the mark, and his action in the conference would not establish any strong reputation for him as a negotiator. The Premier, with all his ability, had scarcely succeeded in appreciating the financial clauses of the bill. The Government was now proposing a measure for the federation of six colonies, not of five as previously. When he came back the first reference he gave to the newspapers was that the new federation of six colonies would require only £1,500,000, which would be equivalent to a tariff of £6,000,000. He (Dr. MacLaurin) shortly afterwards pointed out that the Premier must have made some mistake, for the Financial Commission had pointed out that for five colonies it would require a federal expenditure of £1,600,000, and that the tariff required for five colonies would be somewhere between £6,500,000 and £7,000,000, and more probably the latter. The Premier would not have made the statement he had if he had understood the bill. A fortnight later he made another statement of a very different character. The estimate he then gave was £1,734,000 for the federal expenditure, requiring a tariff of £6,935,000. When they found the Premier, a negotiator on behalf of the colony, giving two varying estimates at intervals of 14 days of the probable tariff requirements, and which estimates varied to the extent of £1,000,000, he was taking a charitable view in concluding that the Premier did not understand the bill. One of the estimates must be wrong. He (Dr. MacLaurin) thought that both were wrong. Even if the whole of the public understood the bill the Premier either did not or else he had spoken at random in a moment of forgetfulness.

Mr. BROWN: I wonder that he has not changed his views again.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Perhaps he might. Another point was that all the financial experts agreed that the present system of finance contained in the bill must lead to an excessive and ponderous taxation, and that the bookkeeping system would produce great uncertainty as to the tariff which would be required. There were two grounds on which the financial difficulty arose. One was the new expenditure, which would amount for the six colonies to about £750,000. He knew there was some difference of opinion as to the figures, but he believed his were about correct. The Premier made the amount £500,000. In addition to that there was a very important matter which was the source of the greatest part of the difficulty. That was the surrender of the intercolonial customs duties. They amounted roughly to about £1,050,000, of which Western Australia contributed about £388,000. The intercolonial customs duties were to be surrendered, and the proposal that had found favour was that they should be met by oversea customs. It was interesting to find out what those intercolonial duties depended upon. Hon. members would find that the great source of the revenue was sugar. About £500,000 (leaving out Western Australia) out of £690,000 was contributed by sugar. Australia had now reached a point at which it nearly supplied itself with sugar. The total consumption in Australia and Tasmania last year was 167,000 tons; the estimated production for next year was 170,000 tons. The estimated imports would be about 15,000 tons, so that out of the total of sugar on the market only 15,000 tons came from oversea, while about 160,000 tons came from Queensland and New South Wales. Therefore it was obvious that more than nine-tenths of the sugar duty was collected upon the intercolonial product. Sir George Turner saw at once the extreme importance of the sugar question as it related to the intercolonial customs revenue. He said in his speech at St. Kilda, and his statement should never be forgotten: "It will be necessary for Victoria that the Federal Treasurer shall impose upon sugar an excise duty equal or nearly equal to the customs revenue." The customs duty of Victoria was about £5 15s per ton. It was perfectly clear that Sir George Turner's plan of supplying the deficit in the intercolonial customs revenue was by putting an excise duty on sugar nearly equal to the customs imposed in Victoria. Queensland at present consumed about 24,000 tons of sugar per annum, and the colony also supplied the other colonies. The result of it would be that, while Queensland and the Northern river districts of New South Wales were putting an excise duty of £5 15s per ton on sugar, the German sugar, which would come in on a nominal customs duty of £5 15s per ton, would be relieved by a bounty of 35s which it received at home. All the sugar-growers would be compelled to pay excise at the rate of £5 15s on the consumption of sugar within their own colony, and when they exported it to other colonies they would be at a disadvantage of 35s with the German and 45s with the French sugar.

Mr. CREED: They are subsidising beet sugar in Victoria.

Dr. MACLAURIN: The manufacture of beet sugar at Maffra was not large; next year it would not exceed 2000 tons. He doubted if it were necessary to consider the Maffra enterprise at the present time. However, they might say that Queensland would not only have the competition of the Germans to face, but also the subsidised competition of the Maffra beet. The competition of the Germans would be very serious. The cultivation of sugar both in New South Wales and especially in Queensland had been advancing very rapidly. Next year we would be able to supply not only the whole of Australia but would also be able possibly to export a little. That increase in the production of sugar would not go on if it was hampered by an excise of £5 15s per ton. Such an excise would kill the industry. Yet the sugar colonies were asked to enter into a federation when they must be prepared to put up with an excise duty upon their staple article of production equal to the customs duty put upon them. The Premier had a notion that the difficulties of the Commonwealth might be met by means of direct taxation. He (Dr. MacLaurin) thought that had they told the public some years ago that the intention of federation was to increase the burden of direct taxation upon Australia the people would not have been quite so enthusiastic as they were. (Hear, hear.) But now when the chains were nearly fastened on the people those who were fastening them came out and said, "Oh, yes, we are going to put direct taxation on you." He (Dr. MacLaurin) had drawn up two model tariffs for the federation such as would meet the minimum requirements if there were not provision for the return of surpluses. £7,184,000 would be required on the supposition that West Australia retained its intercolonial duties, which it would for the first year, and afterwards reduced them by fifths over five years. Under the system of book-keeping and return of the surpluses it would be found that if New South Wales had paid her share of the federal expenditure it would be entitled to the return not merely of the money which she wanted for her own purposes but also a surplus of £798,000, and by that sum the other colonies would go short. Victoria would be found £322,000 short, Queensland £200,000, South Australia £86,000, Western Australia £32,000, and Tasmania £156,000 short. The Premier said that shortage of £798,000 could be made up by direct taxation, and that was the utility of the Braddon "blot."

Mr. C. G. HEYDON: In the first speech the Premier made at the Town Hall on the subject he said so, but that it was the fault of the Braddon "blot."

Dr. MACLAURIN asked how that £798,000 shortage was to be made up by direct taxation. New South Wales on the one hand would be found to be receiving a surplus back from the customs revenue much beyond what she wanted, and on the other hand would be taxed with additional taxation to supply the wants of the other colonies. (Hear, hear.) But Western Australia's deficiencies of intercolonial customs revenue would have to be made up when she commenced to reduce it annually by one-fifth. Therefore he had taken the trouble to make on very much the same percentages a tariff under which Western Australia would have given up her intercolonial customs revenue, and would require greater contributions in consequence from the federal treasurer. A minimum tariff of £7,717,000 would suffice for the colonies on that basis, if it were not for the abominable bookkeeping and surplus plan. But owing to that and the maintenance of State rights that would not suffice. New South Wales would contribute above 36½ per cent. of the total revenue at a low estimate to that tariff. After she had contributed her fair share to the federal expenditure and transferred services, and after she had been supplied for her own requirements with £1,137,000, there would be coming to her a surplus of £1,011,000. By that sum would the other colonies go short, and if the federal treasurer expected to make up that shortage by direct taxation he had got a great problem before him. So it seemed to him that the Premier had been a little too previous in his comment on the question. The idea was impossible. Under a tariff of £7,717,000 whilst New South Wales would be £1,000,000 to the good after paying all expenses, Victoria would be £228,000 behind, Queensland £128,000, South Australia £65,000, Western Australia £385,000, and Tasmania £136,000 behind. Financial experts agreed that all the direct taxation that could be got had been imposed in Tasmania. The Treasurer would thus be debarred from resorting to direct taxation to make up the deficiency, because if he put it on to New South Wales he must put it on to Tasmania, which could not stand it. The Treasurer would then say, perhaps, well he would have to put on another £1,000,000 to the customs revenue, which would then go up to £8,717,000. New South Wales would then claim to get £365,000 back again, so the Treasurer out of the million would only raise £600,000 odd. Then he would have to raise more from the Customs, and again New South Wales would want its 36½ per cent. returned. It would be a matter of geometrical progression, and it would be impossible to adjust the finances on that basis. The scheme was an impossible scheme. If the bookkeeping system were got rid of and the State rights' principle were sacrificed, the federation could do well with a moderate expenditure based on a customs tariff of £7,184,000, which was not, he supposed, very much more than was collected at present from all the colonies in Australia. The proposed system in the bill would put the Federal Treasurer into a financial quagmire, from which he could never get out. That point carried the country at the last federal appeal, and it was a principle which with the utmost liberality our Premier and Treasurer gave way on to the other colonies and all forsooth because he could not provide a substitute for the Braddon "blot." If it were arranged that the Federal Treasurer was only to provide for his own requirements and the requirements of the other States which had customs revenues there would only be one difficulty, namely, that Sydney would be paying the expenses of the other colonies. The surplus return system must come to an end. In any case New South Wales would have to go to the rescue of the other colonies, but in return for that Sydney should be made the capital. He thought he had established his thesis that the Premier had taken no trouble to bring into prominence and insist upon the reasonable objections of the Parliament of New South Wales to the financial proposals in regard to federation. It seemed plain that the amendments were a worthless addition to the bill which was refused at the federal poll, and it was absurd to ask the public again to give its judgment on the measure. The Government was saying what it had said before that New South Wales had got the last concession which it would receive from the other colonies; but it did not recognise the facts of the case, and the main fact was that New South Wales held the key of the position. It should make sure, therefore, that it stood out for right and justice. If it did that the other colonies would soon come to their knees, and it would be seen that this was not the last chance for federation by any means. One did not like to speak evil of the other colonies, but for many years it had been known that their position was by no means satisfactory. It would be a very great advantage for them to be brought into union with New South Wales. Of course, it would not be without its advantages for New South Wales to be brought into union with them, but he wanted to see a workable union established that would go on of itself without jarring and friction and interruption—a union the principles of which we should understand from the beginning. He was perfectly certain the Government did not understand this scheme of union, and if the Government did not how could ordinary persons like himself understand it? He fancied that by much study he now knew something about the financial proposals, and clearly they were wrong. After taking up too long a time—(cries of "No")—he now came to the most important point in immediate consideration, and that was, what was the Council to do with the bill? (Hear, hear.) If the Council was in the position of a dictator to the country, or if it were what Lord Rosebery had called "its predominant partner," he would advise the House to throw the bill out as unworthy of consideration, as an exceedingly bad bill—as the old bill made worse, and therefore a bill that ought not to be passed. But they had to consider what the circumstances were. The Government was entitled to some consideration, and the bill had been passed on the voices in the Assembly.

Mr. BROWN: Not sincerely, I'll swear.

Dr. MACLAURIN: Still in view of the fact it will be hardly reasonable for the Council to throw it out. Moreover, if the Council did throw out the bill its motives would be misrepresented at once and the issue would be obscured. For those reasons he would be inclined most respectfully and humbly to suggest that the Council should pass the second reading, but if it did pass the second reading he would move certain amendments.

Dr. CULLEN: Which would be another way of killing the bill.

Dr. MACLAURIN thanked his hon. friend for his kind suggestion. His amendments would be of a fair and reasonable character, to which no unprejudiced person could object. Did the hon. member think he wished to give with one hand and to take away with the other?

Dr. CULLEN: Yes.

Dr. MACLAURIN said he was much obliged to the hon. member for his courtesy. After he had been a little longer in the House he might learn that hon. members tried to be honest. However, he would take the liberty of moving his amendments in spite of imputations of motives which he thought were highly irregular. What the result would be nobody knew. He had great faith in the public. When things were put properly before the public, the public always came to the right decision. He was not afraid of the referendum when things were properly explained to the people. If the merits of the bill were properly placed before the public he knew on which side the majority would be. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. PULSFORD said the House in dealing with the bill ought to keep in mind the proportion of the details to be considered. The question had been debated for many years, and he was not going to allow his judgment to be warped by the question where the capital should be. They had heard during the last few years their fellows in the other colonies spoken of in a way unworthy of New South Welshmen and unworthy of us as parts of the British Constitution. He thought that we were offering a great insult to the members of the other colonies when we ventured to assume that they were not to be trusted, and that they would not observe the terms of the arrangement which had been come to. He was sure that members of the New South Wales Legislature and the Victorian Legislature would carry out to the letter the law which would be arranged in the constitution. It was true, perhaps, that under federation the trade of the Riverina would go south, but he would point out that the moment they had a free and united Australia that moment Sydney, the greatest port in the Southern hemisphere, would have an immense increase of shipping business. He repudiated the insinuations of some members of the Chamber that the hundred-miles limit was a bribe offered to the country people to vote for federation. He repudiated the suggestion that the placing of the capital away from Sydney would affect the commerce of Sydney. The main coalfields and the main ironfield were in New South Wales, and that meant the commercial supremacy of the colony. The correctness of the statement that Victorian manufacturers would have an unfair advantage over those of New South Wales he denied "in toto." Various schemes of finance had been put forward. One was by Dr. MacLaurin, and he (Mr. Pulsford) would say at once that if it were the scheme embodied in the Convention Bill, then he would decidedly expect New South Wales to reject it. The opinion had grown in the community from statements made by Mr. Coghlan that New South Wales would be subjected to taxation in comparison with the other colonies of a most Munchausen-like character. Even in the report of the finance committee he thought that the percentage fixed upon there might be accepted as being decidedly an extreme one. In view of the fact that the federation could raise £4,000,000 from narcotics and intoxicants, what became of the unheard-of taxation upon other goods?

Mr. WALKER moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was agreed to, and the debate was adjourned till the following day.

ADJOURNMENT.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to, and the House at 10 p.m. adjourned till the usual hour the following day.

PARRAMATTA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Parramatta Progress Association was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. J. W. Hill presiding. A letter was received from the Inspector of Police stating that the tramp nuisance at O'Connell-street bridge was receiving attention. The borough council also wrote, stating that they had no power to deal with the tramps who took up their residence under the bridge, but that they would represent the matter to the police. Mr. W. J. Stephenson tendered his resignation as secretary, finding himself unable to give proper attention to the duties. The resignation was accepted with regret. Reference was made to the high charges for season tickets from Parramatta to Sydney, and a sub-committee was appointed to bring up a report as to what steps it was advisable to take in the matter with a view to getting a reduction.

ENDOWMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE.

A representative gathering took place last evening in the Equitable-buildings, George-street, for the purpose of taking active steps to approach the Government with reference to an annual endowment to municipalities. The Mayor of Burwood (Alderman J. Ahearn) presided, and there were present Messrs. W. H. Mahony, W. Archer, David Davis, T. Jessep, and Edward Terry, Ms.L.A., and Mayors and aldermen representing 26 municipalities.

The Chairman said the question of endowment to municipalities had always been a burning one, but owing to the burdens now placed on them it came to this, that the matter required immediate settlement. The number of municipalities was 182, with general and lighting rates totalling £300,000, and a population of 670,000. The number entitled to endowment was 82, with general and lighting rates totalling £60,660, and a population of 153,000; whilst the number not entitled to endowment was 100, with £240,000 general and lighting rates, and 517,000 population. The amount required for 5s in the £ endowment to municipalities not entitled to statutory endowment was £47,750 per annum.

Alderman J. H. Cardew (Burwood) moved the first resolution,—"That this conference is of opinion that some adequate provision should be made by the Government at once for annual endowment to all municipalities which have ceased to be entitled to statutory endowment." In moving the resolution the speaker pointed out that there were many burdens now imposed on municipalities that did not obtain some years ago, and in this connection cited the contribution to the Fire Brigades' Board, which had increased 120 per cent. in 10 years.

The Mayor of Marrickville (Alderman W. W. Clarke) seconded the resolution.

Mr. W. Archer, M.L.A. (Burwood), said if the Premier had promised anything they ought to approach him and see if he would keep his promise. After being 27 years as an alderman he was well versed in the way in which roads, bridges, and buildings were deteriorating in value for want of money to assist in keeping pace with the calls on the municipalities.

Mr. W. H. Mahony, M.L.A., said he had had a conversation with the Premier about this matter recently. Mr. Reid said that, as far as municipalities were concerned, he had the warmest and kindliest feelings towards them. It was only the state of the finances, and the terrible condition of the country, more particularly the interior, which stayed his hand in doing what he was quite prepared to do. The conference he (the speaker) thought was a step in the right direction.

The resolution was supported by Aldermen Benson, Treadgold, George, and others, and carried unanimously.

Alderman G. C. Murdoch (ex-Mayor of Balmain) moved,—"That the delegates to this conference, together with the Parliamentary representatives of the municipalities interested, be a deputation to wait on the Hon. the Premier to advocate the claims of unendowed municipalities."

Alderman David Davis, M.L.A., seconded the resolution, and suggested that they should work in unison with the Municipal Association, which found much approval with the meeting. This resolution was also carried.

Alderman W. W. Clarke (Mayor of Marrickville) and Alderman Robson (Mayor of Ashfield) seconded, and it was carried,—"That in addition to the Parliamentary representatives, the speakers on the deputation be limited to three aldermen, together with a representative of the Municipal Association."

On the motion of Alderman Williamson (Glebe), seconded by Alderman Wilkinson (Glebe), the three speakers selected were—Alderman Poole (Redfern), Alderman J. H. Cardew (Burwood), and Alderman W. W. Clarke (Marrickville).

It was resolved on the motion of Alderman Benson (Marrickville), seconded by Alderman Robson,—"That further meetings of the conference be held should the same be necessary, and George Simpson (council clerk, Burwood), be appointed hon. secretary to convene such meetings."

It was decided that Mr. W. H. Mahony, M.L.A., should introduce the deputation to the Premier. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the conference.

ARBITRATION VERSUS WAR.

THE AMENDED FEDERAL BILL.

Last night a largely-attended meeting was held in the hall of the School of Arts under the auspices of the Womanhood Suffrage League. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Nevile Griffiths, president.

The principal business of the meeting was a paper by Miss Rose Scott on "Arbitration versus War." The paper referred in detail to the manifesto of the Czar in regard to international disarmament, and deplored the war spirit of the age. The principal causes of war were given as:—1, religious differences; 2, to maintain the balance of power; 3, intervention in the internal affairs of other countries; and 4, wars of historic and racial origin. The speaker, in reference to this last cause, spoke of what she described as the "wretched Federal Amending Bill." She was full of amazement at the gambling spirit of the age as exemplified in a politician who would gamble away the liberties of a people for the doubtful benefit of a capital. (Applause.) National glory consisted not in the glorification of kings and politicians, nor in the bloated expansion of territory or public buildings. True national glory had but one banner, upon which was but one word, "Freedom." The nearest approach to freedom was the principle of "one man one vote," and the power the people possessed at the ballot-box under differential government. True representative government—one man, one vote—really disappeared under the Federal Amending Bill. States were reckoned as simple human entities, and were thus to be represented. In addition to this the financial clauses of the bill afforded food for amazement and ridicule by reason of its provision for taxation without adequate representation. In the bill in question there was far more material than there had often been in the past to light the fires of war. (Applause.) As they were now considering the causes which lead to war, it would be as well to take care that they did not blindly create such causes in their own Australia. It was far better to belong to a small and free country where common interests prevailed than add to a huge domain where prevailed clashing interests and a strongly marked individuality, which would not in the nature of things long maintain. Such a federation would be built upon an artificial sentiment rather than upon a true knowledge of the need for liberty and expansion in a free people, whose fraternal relations with each other were safer (as in a family) in dependence upon the natural growth of brotherhood unhampered by written laws and binding constitutions. (Applause.) They should remember that freedom won too easily was liable to be too lightly prized, but they all hoped that such a regrettable state of things would never be witnessed in Australia. (Applause.) The paper then at length dealt with the horrors of war, giving historical instances in support of the writer's contentions. The benefits to be derived from the submission of international disputes to arbitration were also dwelt upon in terms of advocacy, which evoked frequent and prolonged applause.

At the conclusion of the paper a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Scott.

CROWN LANDS.

Information regarding Crown Lands for Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease, compiled by the Information Bureau of the Lands Department:—

The following areas will be set apart during the week ending the 11th instant:—

HOMESTEAD SELECTION.

Barmedman Land District, on Mimosa Holding.—1203 acres, in 2 blocks of 601 acres and 602 acres; distant 22 miles from Coolamon; capital value, 25s per acre; will be available May 4, 1899.

Dubbo Land District, on Timberrybungan Holding.—4228 acres, in 4 blocks; areas range from 1049 acres to 1077 acres; distant 7 to 11 miles from Trangie, and 3 to 9 miles from Braggs' Siding; capital value, 32s 6d per acre; will be available April 13, 1899.

Wagga Wagga Land District, on Mimosa Holding.—15,256 acres, in 26 blocks; areas range from 451 acres to 757 acres; distant 12 to 18 miles from Coolamon; capital value, 37s 6d and 40s per acre; will be available May 4, 1899.

SETTLEMENT LEASE.

Dubbo Land District, on Timberrybungan Holding.—13,230 acres, in 6 farms; areas range from 1655 acres to 2302 acres; distant 8 to 14 miles from Trangie, and 5 to 12 miles from Braggs' Siding; capital value, 30s per acre; will be available April 13, 1899.

Lithographs and all other particulars can be obtained from the Crown Lands Agents of the respective districts mentioned, or from the Information Bureau, Lands Department, Sydney.

HOMESTEAD SELECTION PAMPHLET.

A sixth edition of the pamphlet containing particulars of Crown Lands for Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease under the Crown Lands Act of 1895, with an introduction giving useful information to applicants for these classes of holding, a Gazetteer of Localities and a Descriptive Index, together with a comprehensive map of the colony, will be issued towards the end of March, and may then be obtained at the Government Printing Office, Information Bureau, Lands Department; or from any Crown Lands Agent; price 6d.

LANDS DEPARTMENT GAZETTE.

Lands Department "Gazette," issued every Wednesday and Saturday.—Full particulars are given in this "Gazette" of all lands that are being made available for settlement, and, in addition, all the notifications issued by the Department of Lands and published in the ordinary "Gazette" appear in this issue. The terms of subscription are 5s per quarter, and application should be made to the Government Printer.

Attack by a Dog.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., Henry Smith was charged with being the owner of a dog which at St. Peters did attack Margaret Crossland, thereby endangering her limbs. Mr. Cromwell appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Abigail for the defence. A fine, with costs, amounting to £2 8s was imposed, in default 14 days' gaol.

FOR BABY'S SKIN, SCALP, AND HAIR, nothing in the whole world is so cleansing, so purifying, so beautifying as Cuticura Soap, the most effective skin and complexion soap, as well as the purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery. For distressing facial eruptions, irritations of the scalp, with dry, thin, and falling hair, red, rough hands with shapeless nails, and simple rashes and blemishes of infancy, it is absolutely incomparable.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 8.

Tarawera, s., 2003 tons, Captain R. Neville, from Wellington and ports. Passengers—Miss Murphy, Dibbs, Brodziak, Heywood, Jermyn (3), Thurston, Finnis, Schweiter, Bonner, Harding (3), Staples, Gibson (4), Staples, Grady, Carlile (2), M'Culloch, Mesdames Davis, Cloggie, Dante, Hardin, Dempsey and child, Gibson, Insoll and 3 children, Lodder and 2 children, Staples, Grady, Bristow, Simpson and child, H. Smith, M'Culloch, Miles, Arnold, Heywood, Brodziak, Stevens, Meares, Haywood, Potts, Wanzey and child, M'Lorley, Messrs. Jermyn, Hogg, Gallagher, Cloggie, Dante, Barker, Jones, Eliason, Ashmond, Harding, Dempsey, Sayers, Watchorn, Bauer, Insoll, Lodder, Hogg, Grady, D. Hosking, Bristow, Dryden, H. Smith, O'Rorke, Davies, Harrison, Cowan, Cousins, Brown, Parkhurst (2), Bisley, Webster, Reid, Perry, Warren, Wynter, Harrison, Davis, Maples, Richardson, Shaw, Campbell, Stevens, Heywood, Bluges, Clark, Lees, and 73 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Coraki, s., 326 tons, Captain S. Boulden, from Manning River, March 8. Passengers—Mesdames Gormley, Cox, Manners, and M'Mahon, Misses K. M'Mahon, A. M'Mahon, Ainsworth, Sussman, Manners, and Taylor, Messrs. J. M'Mahon, W. B. Pearson, Cox, Adams, A. E. Hair, and Dr. Gormley, and 1 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Electra, s., 395 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River. Passengers—Mesdames Wright, Wilson, James, Misses M'Netty, Shaw, M. Shaw, Garrard, Wade, Curtain, Wright, S. Wright, M'Donald, Master Smith, Messrs. G. Atkins, T. J. Moss, J. F. Littlejohn, S. Row, E. Barclay, S. Harris, J. H. Sharp, J. Wright, Ross, Wilmott, W. J. Curtain, C. E. James, and 8 steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Reaper, ship, 1356 tons, Captain Young, from San Francisco January 4. J. J. Falk and Co., Limited, agents.

Hawea, s., 1750 tons, Captain J. Abram, from Lyttelton. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Sydney, s., 631 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Lubra, s., 467 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Kadina, s., 2709 tons, Captain R. T. Ross, from Newcastle. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Nemesis, s., 1392 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Changsha, s., 2269 tons, Captain Moore (China Navigation line), from Newcastle. James and Alexander Brown, agents.

Era, s., 2378 tons, Captain T. Moore, from Adelaide. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—March 8.

Oceana, Royal mail steamer, for London, via ports.
Mokoia, s., for Auckland.
Haurato, s., for Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.
Tanais, s., for Noumea.
Rufus E. Wood, barque, for San Francisco.
Colusa, barque, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.
Nemesis, s., for Newcastle.

March 9.

Hawea, s., for Lyttelton, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 9.

Electra, s., for Richmond River; Euroka, s., for Port Macquarie, Bellinger, and Nambucca Rivers; Murray, s., for Moruya, Bermagui, and Tathra; Illawarra S.N. Company's steamers for Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Tathra, and Pambula; Namoi, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—March 8.

R.M.S. Oceana (P. and O. line), 6603 tons, Captain E. Stewart, for London, via ports. Passengers—For London: The Earl and Countess of Seafield, Mr. and Mrs. E. M'Donald, Miss M. M'Donald, Miss Irene M'Donald, Miss Roberta M'Donald, Miss Ruth M'Donald, Miss Ruby M'Donald, Mr. S. O. M'Donald, Mr. Norman M'Donald, Mrs. Cootes and maid, Mrs. Tiley, Miss Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller and three Misses Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Webster three children and maid, Mr. John Moloney, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Coote four children and nurse, Mr. F. A. Hawley, Captain Knox, Miss Wilson, Mr. Ellworthy, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Leroux, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gates and child, Mrs. and Miss Drew, the Rev. and Mrs. Macauley and child, Mr. James Livesey, Miss Alting, Misses Blakiston (two), Miss Robb (2), Mr. Trudgeon, the Rev. E. W. Blakiston, Mrs. Hill and infant, Mr. A. H. Hale, Mrs. Cole, Mr. R. N. Bell, Mr. S. Cooper, Mr. L. J. Horwitz, Mr. James Dickson, Mr. Soares, Mr. A. Haughton, Mr. Alex. Robb, Mr. Howard, Mr. T. A. Stephens, Mr. J. Newson, Mr. J. Lindsay, Mr. Bickford, Mr. W. Dougall, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown and family, Mr. R. Barr Smith and family, Mr. Greer, Mr. E. James, Mr. Bibby and valet, Mr. E. C. Elsegood, Mr. C. Wood, Miss Wilson, Miss Airtaire, Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riley, Mr. Harvey Metcalfe, Mrs. and the three Misses Taylor, Mrs. Delapoer Wall, Misses B. and R. Cockhead, Mr. R. W. Otter, Mr. M. Wildon, Mrs. and Miss Trudgeon, Mr. and Mrs. Harkness and child, Mr. Uaten, Miss Upton, Mr. and Mrs. Maclaren and two children, Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Upton, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. T. Coake, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ingram and child, Mr. W. Denver, Mr. Burgoyne and family. For Marseilles: Mr. R. M. Stewart. For Calcutta: Mr. Morgan. For Bombay: Mr. Gabb, Mr. A. Moulds, Major Spilsbury. For Colombo: Countess Wolff Metternich and maid, Miss Ryan, Mr. H. Baker, Mrs. A. M'Bean and family, Mr. D. Y. Syme, Miss Carter and friend. For Albany: Mr. Wm. Frecheville, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Emanuel, Mrs. Mathieson, Mrs. and Misses Irwin (2), Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Douglas. For Adelaide: Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Jervis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fisher, Mrs. Andrew Chisholm, Miss M. Chisholm, Miss A. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scott, Mrs. F. Stephens, Mrs. A. Wallis, Mrs. T. Playfair, Mrs. E. Playfair and child, Miss S. Morgan, Mr. A. Muth, Miss A. Maschmid, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Day and child, Mr. S. R. Smith, Mr. A. G. S. Hunt. For Melbourne: Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Bullen, Miss Riley, Mr. Riley, Mr. Machattie, Mr. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox and Miss Cox, Mrs. Currie Elles, Dr. and Mrs. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogan, Mr. Johnston, Mr. E. H. Cooke, Mr. D. Wilkin, Mr. E. D. Farrell, Mr. A. S. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. C. A. Royle, Mr. Percy Douglas, Miss B. Fink, Mr. and Mrs. Bolger, Mr. E. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Coulter, Miss De Vine, Miss Roberts, Miss Butterworth, the Hon. E. Langton, Mr. Brown, Mr. R. Fowler, Miss Saunders, Miss E. Sanders, Mr. Riddell, Lieutenant-Colonel Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Bullen, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. G. Seymour, Mrs. J. Jackson, Mrs. Mackie child and infant, Mrs. Whitmore, Mr. F. J. Empson, Mr. and Mrs. Makison, Mr. David Johnston, Miss M. Senior, Mr. G. J. Rodda, Miss Twyford. From Colombo to London: Mr. Sells. From Aden to London: Mr. Lort Phillips and party.

Mokoia, s., 3500 tons, Captain W. C. Sinclair, for Auckland and ports. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. George and child, Rev. P. M. and Mrs. Aldous, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. Boule, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Taplin, Mr. and Mrs. Holsworthy, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Goblett, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mr. and Mrs. T. Porter, Mesdames Waters, Rouse, Mills and infant, Tilley, Furnell, Brodie, Mears, Stokes, Hamilton, Busson and 2 children, Misses Waters, Lee, Cox, M'Kenzie, Clark, Hayden, Goblett, Von der Heyde, Hood, Messrs. Robert Guy, E. J. Kelly, Tilley, W. S. Phillips, T. Paxton, J. Melville, Turner, W. M'Gill, L. Martin, S. S. Smith, G. Mills, J. Mills, P. M. Nobbs, A. Kohn, A. B. Proud, Norman, M'Kenzie, Holworthy, J. A. Paterson, C. H. Buckman, T. W. Terry, Grimm, T. A. Turnbull, Siebeck, Mahony, J. E. Charlton, H. Lester, Marist Brother, J. Blythe, Plan, Golds, C. F. Bickford, F. Sandon, J. M. Dansker, H. E. Partridge, H. B. Lusk, J. Gardam, T. H. Johnston, E. York, M'Donnell, Dr. Jarvie Hood, Dr. Power, Dr. M'Murray, Captain Clark, S. M'Naughton, and 45 in the steerage.

Hauroto, s., 1988 tons, Captain N. J. Newton, for South Sea Islands and Auckland. Passengers—Mrs. Russell Glasson, Mrs. M'Laughlin, Messrs. D. Mattie, L. Sciotz, J. Addis, N. Addis, Julius Damon, N. J. Wilson, J. Dixon, Carson, E. A. Benjamin, J. M. Ledstrom, J. B. Turner, P. M. Rossiter, Brothers Malachy, Louis Priscillam, J. Hippolyte, and 8 steerage.

Colusa, barque, 1111 tons, Captain G. H. Ewart, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

Tanais, s., 1734 tons, Captain Magnan, for Noumea.

Nemesis, s., 1392 tons, Captain L. Thompson, for Newcastle, with part original cargo.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—March 8.

Australia, schooner, Captain N. Cook, for Camden Haven; Korunnah, ketch, Captain A. Anderson, for Port Stephens.

IMPORTS.—March 8.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Era, s., from Adelaide: 525 bags bark, 16 packages machinery, 330 sacks 1050 bags flour, 61 flagstones, 1 plough, 405 bags crude mineral earth, 2856 bags salt, 4 cases oil, 358 bags barley, 720 bags chaff. For Port Darwin—12 packages 7 cases groceries, 8 packages merchandise, 4 packages windmill, 18 pieces deal, 1 case cartridges, 2 packages leather, 9 bund es steel wire, 2 cases bedwells, 10 packages copper hoops, 2 cases ironmongery, 2 bags horseshoes, 2 boxes 200 double-quarters soap, 1 box glass, 12 cases tobacco, 1 case cigars, 1 sack sugar, 1 case saddlery, 10 bags bran, 3 bags wheat.

Reaper, ship, from San Francisco: 18,753 sacks flour, 900 cases canned pears, 750 cases canned apples, 780 cases dried fruits, 225 cases vegetables, 6893 cases salmon, 250 cases codfish, 142 bales and 100 cases hops, 1125 barrels asphaltum, 35 barrels and 50 cases oil, 300 sacks beans, 3 boxes soap, 2690 doors, 4913 pieces pine, 5220 pieces redwood, 3530 pieces spruce, and sundries.

Nemesis, s., from Adelaide: 13,099 pieces timber, 12 casks tallow, 18 bags tin ore, 3 cases meats, 2 cases machinery, and sundries.

Hawea, s., from Lyttelton: 2617 sacks oats, 40 sacks wheat, 896 sacks bran, 76 sacks potatoes, 500 sacks malt, 467 sacks seed, 20 sacks oatmeal, 211 sacks peas, 10 sacks beans, and quantity of cargo for transhipment.

Coraki, s., from Manning River: 189 bags maize, 6 bags hides, 57 bags oysters, 2 bales skins, 2 calves, 55 cases eggs, 29 cases samples, 6 cases fish, 14 coops poultry, 15 hides, 2 cans cream, 203 kegs butter, 222 pigs, and 27 packages sundries.

Electra, s., from Richmond River: 45 bags maize, 58 bags bones, 9 bags bottles, 8 bags oysters, 600ft. boxwood, 16 cases eggs, 3 cases honey, 7 cases fish, 1 cask tallow, 3 coops poultry, 43 hides, 50 hogsheads molasses, 538 boxes butter, 13 logs beech, 11 pigs, and sundries.

Tarawera, s., from Wellington: 2714 sacks oats, 577 sacks potatoes, 542 casks and bales fungus, 326 cases cheese, 250 sacks malt, 125 cases milk, 110 sacks peas, 108 barrels tallow, 90 sacks wheat, 74 sacks ryegrass, 50 sacks oatmeal, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—March 8.

Oceana, R.M.S., for London, via ports: 952 bales wool, 186 bales skins, 6 bales furskins, 70 bales sheepskins, 246 bales leather, 15 bales hair, 38 bales basils, 6680 bars bullion, 55 cases meats, 7 cases pearlshell, 34 axle arms, 5 boxes gold (£5450), 24 cases beeswax, 975 cases gum, 13,911 ingots copper, 8 cases exhibits, and sundries.

Tanais, s., for Noumea: 978 sacks wheat, 5 cases meats, 150 kegs beef, 292 bags sugar, 32 cases claret, 77 cases lard, 10 cases sardines, 201 bags potatoes, 89 bags onions, 598 pieces hardwood, 241 pieces timber, 30 boxes butter, 7 bales hay, 400 bags flour, 20 drums and 5 casks oil, 10 cases castor oil, 9 packages castings, 20 kegs white lead, 12 bales oakum, 50 cases kerosene, 10 cases turps, 198 cases fruit, 10 tins biscuits, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: March 8, Tyrian, s., from Townsville; Lady Musgrave, s., from Bundaberg. Departures: March 8, Bullarra, s., Tyrian, s., for Sydney; Lady Lamington, s., for Bundaberg; Duke of Devonshire, s., for London.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: March 8, Burwah, s., from Rockhampton; Elamang, s., Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane. Departure: March 8, Burwah, s., for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE.—Departure: March 8, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY.—Departure: March 8, Wodonga, s., for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: March 8, Duke of Norfolk, s., from London.

YAMBA.—Departure: March 8, Kallatina, s., for Sydney. Passed: Tomki, s., and Augusta, s., north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: March 8, Eva, ketch, from Port Macquarie; Allinga, s., Namoi, s., Excelsior, s., Western, s., Sophia Ann, s., Countess of Errol, schooner, Wollumbin, s., from Sydney. Departures: March 8, Ardencraig, ship, for San Francisco, with 3141 tons Co-operative coal; Kadina, s., for Geraldton and Fremantle, via Sydney, with 2950 tons coal, 100 bullocks; Kendal Castle, s., for Manila, with 4134 tons New Lambton coal; Excelsior, s., for Byron Bay; Cape York, four-masted barque, for Mollendo, with 3290 tons Duckenfield coal, 10 sheep; Wollumbin, s., for the Tweed River; Changsa, s., for Manila and Hongkong, via Sydney, with 1830 tons Duckenfield coal; Western, s., Timaru, s., Namoi, s., Countess of Errol, schooner, for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 8, Barrabool, s., at 11.10 a.m., Tambo, s., at 5.15 p.m., north; Arawatta, s., at 11.15 a.m., west.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: March 8, Coogee, s., from Launceston; Perth, s., from Western Australia. Departures: March 8, Nineveh, s., for London, via Natal and Capetown; Leitrim, s., Loura, s., and Barrier, s., for Sydney; Monowai, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart; Ganymede, for London; Manja, for Kaipara; Wellington, for Fongdin.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrival: March 7, Bundaleer, barque, from Puget Sound. Departure: March 7, Melbourne, s., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: March 8, Jessie Darling, s., from Devonport; Queen Christina, s., from New York. Departure: March 8, Darius, s., for Melbourne.

PORT ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: March 6, Laranoa, s., from Newcastle; Federal, s., from Newcastle. March 7, Darius, s., from Calcutta. Departures: March 7, Dawa, s., for Melbourne; Bothwell Castle, s., for Albany.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrival: March 8, Tomki, at 5.15 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: March 8, St. George, s., at 5 p.m., for Sydney. 13ft. on the bar, 11ft. inside.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Passed: March 8, Augusta, s., at 4.45 p.m., north. Departure: March 8, Kallatina, at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: March 8, a barque, hull down, at 8.30 a.m., south; A.U.S.N. steamer, 2.30 p.m., south; A.U.S.N. steamer, at 5.30 p.m., north.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Arrival: March 8, Nambucca, s., at 5.50 a.m., from Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: March 8, Aramac, s., at 1.35 p.m., north.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: March 8, Fiona, at 6 p.m., north; Australian at 6.40 p.m., north.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: March 8, Koonoowarra, s., at 12.20 p.m., Fiona, s., at 2.30 p.m., and Australian, s., at 2 p.m., all north.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: March 0, Annie, ketch, at 4 p.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: March 8, Wakefield, s., at 5.15 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: March 8, Kendall Castle at 1.15 p.m., Excelsior at 5.45 p.m., both north.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrival: March 8, Kate, s., at 10.50 a.m.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: March 8, Werfa, s., at 8 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: March 7, Tagliaferro, s., at 7.30 p.m., for Albany.

PORT KEMBLA.—Arrival: March 8, Guthrie, s., at 8 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: March 7, Glaucus, s., at midnight, for Melbourne.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrival: March 8, Illawarra, s., at 2.50 p.m., from Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: March 8, Peterborough, s., early, from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: March 8, New Guinea at 8 a.m., Ens at 12.30 p.m., both north; R.M.S. Oceana at 6.10 p.m., south.

MORUYA.—Arrival: March 8, Coomonderry, s., at 5.30 a.m., from Sydney.

EDEN.—Arrival: March 7, Bega, s., at 9.10 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: March 8, Bega, s., at 2 p.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: March 8, Barrabool, s., at 1.50 p.m., north; Glaucus at 6.45 p.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 8, Arawatta, s., at 11.10 a.m., west; Tambo at 5.15 p.m., north; Tagliaferro in sight at sunset, west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: March 8, Queenscliff, s., at 10.30 a.m.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: March 8, Pateena, s., at 9 a.m., from Melbourne.

DEVONPORT (TAS.).—Departure: March 8, Kini, s., at 1.30 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT PIRIE (S.A.).—Arrival: March 7, Bundaleer, barque, from Puget Sound. Departure: March 7, Melbourne, s., for Melbourne.

SEMAPHORE.—Arrival: March 8, Queen Cristina at 4 p.m., from New York.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Arrival: March 7, Austrian warship Saida at 4.40 p.m., from Natal. Departure: March 8, Caiya, s., from Geraldton.

ALBANY.—Departure: March 8, Ningchow at 12.30 p.m., for Delagoa Bay.

ROCKINGHAM.—Departure: March 8, Peletos, schooner, for Adelaide.

(For Continuation of Shipping see Page 6.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average annual rainfall for 40 years, 49·502.
Average for 41 years from January 1 to February 28, 8·004.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1899, to March 8, 3·148.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·280.
Temperature: Maximum, 73·2; minimum, 56·7.
Humidity: 9 a.m., 53·0; 3 p.m., 51·0.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·80; Gascoigne, 29·98; Perth, 30·09; Esperance Bay, 30·15; Eucla, 29·90; Streaky Bay, 29·88; Adelaide, 29·92; Robe, 29·93; Portland, 29·91; Melbourne, 30·06; Wilson's Promontory, 30·11; Gabo Island, 30·11; Cape St. George, 30·35; Sydney, 30·28; Newcastle, 30·28; Port Macquarie, 30·28; Clarence Heads, 30·21; Brisbane, 30·14; Rockhampton, 29·99; Mackay, 29·87; Cooktown, 29·73.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and clear thoughout.
New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Noumea.
Western Australia.—Cloudy on south coast, fine elsewhere.
South Australia.—Fine and clear and hot generally.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine, clear, and warm throughout.
Tasmania.—Generally fine and clear.
Queensland.—Fine in the south-west, elsewhere unsettled, squally, and showery.
Central and Northern Australia.—Cloudy to threatening.
New Zealand.—Generally fine.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

New South Wales.—Light to moderate on the north coast.
Queensland.—Very heavy on north-east coast and heavy in other parts of north; light to moderate in centre, north-west, and in south-east.
Northern Territory.—Light to moderate and scattered.
South Australia.—Alice Springs, 0·30; Dalywaters, 0·14; Fort Darwin, 0·94.
Queensland.—Bowen, 1·41; Brisbane, 0·03; Burketown, 6·58; Cape Moreton, 0·50; Cardwell, 5·40; Cooktown, 0·33; Croydon, 0·10; Georgetown, 0·20; Hughenden, 0·55; Mackay, 2·15; Mackinlay, 0·71; Maryborough, 0·07; Muttaburra, 0·05; Normanton, 1·55; Richmond, 0·56; Stanthorpe, 0·02; Townsville, 1·36.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 6in.; Balranald, below summer level; Bingara, 1ft.; Bodiigal, dry; Bourke, 18ft. 8in., falling; Brewarrina, 12ft., falling; Deniliquin, low; Euabalong, dry; Euston, 4ft. 2in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 1ft. 6in.; Hay, 1ft. 11in. below summer level; Hillston, dry; Louth, 18ft. 11in., falling; Menilla, low; Menindie, low; Mogil Mogil, 4ft., rising; Moulamein, low; Mungundi, 8ft. 10in., falling; Pooncarie, low; Tilpa, 18ft. 4in., rising; Tocumwal, 4in.; Wagga Wagga, 10in.; Wentworth, 4in.; Wilcannia, 13ft. 10in., rising; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 11ft., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 3ft. 4in., stationary.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, S.E., light, showery, sea moderate; Ballina, E.S.E., cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S., light, fine, sea moderate; Macleay Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, E., light, fine, sea slight; Port Stephens, E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.E., fresh, fine, sea slight; Kiama, N.E., strong, fine, sea moderate; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., strong, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., fresh, hazy, sea moderate; Eden, N.E., light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, N.E., moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N., moderate, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Fresh N.E. winds on the coast; hot northerly inland, with fine weather: fine and hot in Sydney.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Cool change setting in during night or early morning, with S.W. and S. winds and rising barometers, but with probably little or no rain; moderate to rough sea.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Hot for to-day, with fresh northerly winds, but a cool change may be expected to-morrow, with southerly winds and some rain; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.

SPECIAL FORECASTS BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

Western Australia.—Further rain and disturbances in the north, and especially near Cambridge Gulf. Mostly fine in the south, except occasional showers between Albany and Eucla.

Northern Territory.—Further rain and heavy variable squalls under the monsoon "Nachon."

South Australia.—Warm winds and fine weather, followed by duststorms, probably thunder, and a sudden shift to west and south-west, blowing in squalls under the Antarctic disturbance "Tien."

Queensland.—Further very squally and wet weather around all the Gulf districts, also north from Mackay, under the combined influence of "Nachon" and the tropical disturbance "Mahina." All northern towns are advised accordingly. Scattered rains and unsettled weather in the other parts of the colony. Heavy southeasters along the coast. Shipping is warned. Sea rough.

Victoria and Tasmania.—The same as South Australia.

New Zealand.—Showery and unsettled on the east coasts.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy and showery. Conditions still suspicious under "Mahina."

Special Note.—"Mahina" is 300 miles from the Louisiades. Shipping bound to North Queensland ports are specially advised that it is inclined to make southwesterly.

New South Wales.—Rain with south-easterly squalls in the north-eastern coast parts; generally fine elsewhere. High temperatures in the west, followed by cooler weather, and probably rain along the Victorian border within a few days. Sea rough north from Clarence Head.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 9.

Sun rises at 5.48, sets at 6.22; Moon, 2.45 a.m., 4.9 p.m.; Mercury, 6.32 a.m., 6.46 p.m.; Venus, 2.18 a.m., 4.2 p.m.; Mars, 3.28 p.m., 1.10 a.m.; Jupiter, 8.38 p.m., 10.2 a.m.; Saturn, 11.13 p.m., 1.27 p.m.
New Moon, 12th; Full Moon, 27th.
High water at Fort Denison, 6.20 a.m.; 6.42 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Batavia and Singapore, from Townsville.—Duke of Devonshire, 4.45 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Launceston, via Eden.—Tekapo, noon.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.
Richmond River, via Newcastle.—St. George, 7 p.m.
Macleay River.—Macleay, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY.

* Hobart.—Tambo, 11 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Tarawera, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Guthrie, noon.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mararoa, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Papanui, noon.
Brisbane.—Leura, 1 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
* Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kalgoorlie, 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Nelligen.—Peterborough, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Changsha, 2 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per Oceana, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Oceana (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Waikare, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Oceana, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Australian, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Hobart.—Ormuz, 10 a.m.
Navigators' Islands, Honolulu, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—A. and A. steamer Mariposa, 10 a.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—A. and A. steamer Mariposa, 11 a.m.
Norfolk Island, from Auckland.—Southern Cross, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z.—Westralia, 5 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Gabo, 5.30 p.m.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1899.

In the Legislative Council yesterday Dr. MacLaurin presented a petition signed by 14,078 persons in reference to the Australasian Federation Enabling Bill. The Vice-President of the Executive Council moved the second reading of the bill in a lengthy speech, and after discussion the debate was adjourned.

In the Legislative Assembly the motion for the second reading of the Relief to Settlers Bill was agreed to after further debate by 77 to 2 votes, and the measure was taken into committee.

Her Majesty the Queen has expressed thanks to President M'Kinley for the friendly sympathy of, and also for the honours bestowed by Americans upon the remains of the late Lord Herschell.

Lord Tennyson, Governor-elect of South Australia, Lady Tennyson, and suite, left London on Tuesday, to join the R.M.S. Ophir at Marseilles, en route to Australia.

It is estimated that the adoption of automatic couplings and other reforms proposed in the English Railway Accidents Prevention Bill will incur an expenditure of £10,000,000. The Railway Association intends to send experts to America to investigate the operation there of the new proposals.

Profound surprise has been expressed in England at M. Delcasse's statement in the French Chamber of Deputies that Great Britain had agreed that France was entitled to a coaling depot at Muscat, in the Gulf of Oman. French newspapers are jubilant at Lord Salisbury having to admit that the action of the British resident was incorrect.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the statement by M. Delcasse was imperfect. The French Agent had secretly obtained the cession of a small harbour, with the right to hoist the French flag and fortify the place, but under pressure from Lord Salisbury the lease was annulled. Great Britain had no objection to France securing a coal store, provided that it was not accompanied by a cession of territory. It is semi-officially notified in Paris that the difference with Great Britain in regard to the Upper Nile will be settled in a fortnight.

The Premier has appointed Captain McKenzie, marine surveyor, and Mr. S. Smith, M.L.A., secretary of the Seamen's Union, as wardens of the Marine Board. This has been done to facilitate the inspection of vessels leaving port.

Dr. Maurice J. O'Connor, medical officer to the public institutions at Parramatta, died last evening from an attack of acute double pneumonia. He was in his 42nd year.

The test match between the Australian Eleven and the Rest of Australia was brought to a termination yesterday on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The Rest of Australia completed their second innings for 527 runs, and the Australian Eleven in their second innings lost three wickets for 251, thus winning by seven wickets and 3 runs. The teams left by yesterday's express for Melbourne, where the second test match will be commenced on Friday. H. Donnan having reported that he was not able to take the Melbourne trip, L. W. Pye was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Rest of Australia team.

At yesterday's weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board the medical officer's annual report was presented.

The Austrian warship Saida arrived at Fremantle from Capetown on Tuesday.

Matters in connection with the maritime dispute at Fremantle, W.A., were quiet yesterday morning. The cargoes of the steamers Wollowra, Adelaide, and Franklin were gradually discharged by free labourers and the crews of the vessels. An informal conference was commenced between shipowners and stevedores and the unionist delegates, but the conference was private.

Early yesterday morning the Moonta, an iron coasting schooner, was wrecked on the rocks under Gatcomb Head Lighthouse, near Gladstone. The ship's company escaped, but the vessel is breaking up.

The Bishops of New Zealand have issued a circular allowing the sacrament to be administered, with the permission of the bishop of the diocese, to innocent parties to a divorce after their remarriage.

Sir M. W. Ridley, the Imperial Home Secretary, has made an order sanctioning the opening of the Druce vault in Highgate Cemetery, London.

The Chinese Government has asked the Powers concerned to withdraw the marines guarding the Legation buildings in Pekin. America, France, and Russia have complied with the request.

It is thought that the explosion of the magazine near Toulon, in the south of France, on Sunday, was wilfully caused, and that the outrage had been arranged. The work of clearing the débris shows that the destruction of life was greater than was at first supposed, 64 persons having been killed and 130 injured. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on behalf of Great Britain, the Czar, the Emperor of Germany, and representatives of other countries have expressed condolence with the bereaved families and sufferers.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who has not yet recovered from his illness, has not yet been informed of the death of his daughter, who recently succumbed to pneumonia.

A 3 per cent. loan of £3,107,400, placed on the London market by the Government of Cape Colony, has been subscribed. The total amount tendered was £5,147,209, and the average price was £97 2s 3d.

The Queen of the Belgians, who was recently reported to be suffering from an attack of bronchitis, and to be in a critical condition, is rallying.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday the Government was questioned regarding the authenticity of a report to the effect that the conversion at an early date of British New Guinea into a Crown colony was contemplated. Mr. Chamberlain replied that there was no foundation for the statement.

The second series of London wool sales was opened on Tuesday. Prices were firm all round, except for low-conditioned crossbreds.

Business in investments in the Stock and Share market yesterday was sluggish, with very little movement in prices.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 206 bales of wool arrived. Forty-two bales were received coastwise, and 26 came forward by rail at Newcastle on Tuesday.

There was a good deal of activity in the Mining market yesterday. Coal companies had more attention. An improvement was noted in several local gold stocks. The feature of the Western Australian market was the large turnover in Hannan's Oroya and Great Boulder Proprietary, in the case of the lastnamed at advanced prices.

Yesterday's customs revenue amounted to £3791.

The R.M.S. Jumna arrived at Suez homeward on the 7th instant.

The interest in the fortunes of federation was yesterday transferred to the Legislative Council, where the Federal Enabling Bill came up for its second reading. Mr. Hughes, who introduced the motion, made a speech excellent alike in tone, material, and arrangement, though he suffered somewhat from interjections. The Vice-President of the Executive Council evidently felt that the occasion was one for confidence in the House, and he addressed himself to the broad mind of the Council, and not to party feeling or personal prejudice. The impression made by his address was favourable, and thus the measure he had in hand was distinctly advanced. Dr. MacLaurin followed the representative of the Government, and his criticism of the Premiers' Conference, of the consequent bill, and of the manner in which it had been brought forward, did not lack severity. However, the net result of the address was that while he would be prepared in committee to move certain amendments, as, for example, to limit the duration of the stay of the Federal Parliament in Melbourne, there was no intention to keep the bill back from the people. The debate lost interest when this became clear, and the scene of struggle is now adjourned to the committee stage.

It is still opportune to point out to the Council that as grave a responsibility adheres to amendment as to delay or rejection. Technically the bill is in the hands of the Upper House to amend as it shall deem best. Actually the bill is an agreement amongst the Premiers, and it is a matter of public faith, so far as the influence of these gentlemen can go, that their compromise shall be accepted or rejected by the people and not by the Parliaments. It is now more than this, for by the practically unanimous adoption of the bill by the Assembly this view has been ratified by the elective branch of the Legislature. If the Council, even with the sincerest regard to public utility, and to make the bill in all points desirable, remodels the Premiers' agreement and decides on sending to the people, not what the Premiers adopted, but what the Legislative Council holds they should have adopted, that will constitute a total change in the situation. The Assembly will be likely to view a federal constitution devised by the Council with less favour than one devised by the Premiers. And then a collision between the two Houses may be set up, with all its melancholy train of events in both domestic and intercolonial politics. Beyond the colony this interruption of the federal cause will bring confusion. All this is a series of political events which patriotism would avert rather than entail, but if it should appear to a majority of the Council that these evils are preferable to the evils they anticipate from federation, then their duty is to deal with the bill by a more direct course than amendment.

Recurring to one or two of the arguments put forward last night against the speedy adoption of the bill, surely the last one to be employed at this period of the agitation is to deprecate haste. Haste in federation! Nearly ten years have elapsed during which this question has absorbed the political mind of these communities, so that to call a halt now in order to discuss first principles is unreasonable. Nor is there more need for time in which to grasp the tenor of the Premiers' amendments. They are as elementary as any amendments can possibly be which contain important constitutional principles. The people of the United States, without a popular press, without telegraphs or railways, had to adopt more than a century ago a constitution less elastic and more elaborate than ours, and they have never repented. For us to hesitate and vacillate after ten years of constant Parliamentary and popular threshing out of this subject would be infantile. And next, as to the implication that by delaying the present bill we may secure another yet more favourable in the eyes of those who distrust the Premiers' bill as they distrusted the Convention Bill. That is a plea which with all respect to those who employ it is without any credibility. What do they want more? Such concessions as the federal capital in Sydney without its being federal territory, the introduction of some new financial machinery which none of the statesmen or financial experts of Australasia has yet managed to evolve, and others of that kind. Who can suppose that the other colonies will consent to sacrifice all their special interests at the bidding of Sydney? The result would not be a union of States, it would be an amalgamation the like of which in Europe only follows a war. And we may remark on the undying suspicion of the other colonies that made its reappearance last night. Some members of the Upper House are convinced that the professions of public men, the decision of the Premier, and the wording of a public bill cannot bind Victoria to surrender the seat of federal government once it is placed in Melbourne. With a prejudice of this nature there can be no argument.

The point is that the House is asked to remit to the electors the fate of the Federal Enabling Bill, not to decide upon that fate itself. There may be members of the Council who have no great confidence in the referendum as a method of bringing out public judgment in politics, but that is the method which in this and the other colonies has been adopted in order to get a popular verdict upon the proposed federal compact. The taking of a referendum absolves Parliament of the responsibility of a measure, and simply sends the proposal on to the people for a yea or nay. If the Upper House insists upon shouldering the new federal constitution, by discussing its principles and details and voting on each, it will not only risk local political disturbances and the fate of federation in the immediate future, but it will establish a constitutional doctrine which will be found at any future referendum most onerous. The House would be compromised as representing the community if its labours were rejected by the referendum. When the debate is resumed it may be hoped that the House will adopt the precedent of the Assembly, and refer as soon as possible to the people the Premiers' bill just as it left the Premiers' hands. Amendment opens up too many aspects of political disturbance and uncertainty, without promising any useful effect.

News of what is likely to prove an important change in Post Office management comes to us from the mother country. A recent issue of the "Times" contains an official announcement on the part of the London Post Office according to which "after the 1st of February it will be possible for the ordinary householder in London to secure for a moderate fee the privilege of a private letter-box attached to his house or office, from which letters will be collected at regular intervals by the officers of the department." In modified form, of course, something of this style has already been done, but with this difference, that the charges made have been so high as to put the system quite beyond the reach of those of small means, and that the letters thus placed in private boxes have never in reality been legally posted. In the past a notice has appeared on each of these private boxes to the effect that "a postal packet put into this box will not, for the purpose of any enactment, law, or contract, whereby the due posting of a postal packet is evidence of the receipt thereof by the addressee, be deemed to have been duly posted." Now all this is altered, and it is distinctly laid down that the user will not be allowed to have a key of the box, and that a letter once posted in it becomes the property of the Postmaster-General, and cannot under any circumstances be returned to the writer. As a proof that the Post Office really means to try and render the new system popular, it has been arranged that for the almost nominal sum of one pound sterling per annum two collections a day will be made, while an additional ten shillings will ensure a third collection, and two pounds will cover the General Post Office collection. Small extra fees are to be charged if the house is not on the postal line of route, or if the box is at a distance from the entrance to the building. Further details of the conditions on which the box is available provide that the box is to be supplied by the user, subject to the pattern being approved by the Post Office, and that the locks and keys are also to be provided by the user, the Post Office paying for the repair of the same.

From the above statement of the system that has just been inaugurated in London there seems no reason to doubt that the private posting box will rapidly become an institution in the Metropolitan Postal District to which it is at present restricted, and later on spread its sphere of usefulness over a much wider area. For some time large business firms and a few wealthy institutions and householders have indulged in the luxury of a private posting box, and the present cheap rates will now place this facility within the reach of most people who have any desire for it. To be able to post letters in your own home or business house is a convenience and a saving of time that is sure to be welcomed. Business people are likely to be the chief gainers by the system, but to dwellers in private houses it is bound to prove immensely serviceable. Commenting on the new experiment, a London journal expresses the hope that the Post Office in time may see its way to providing the full advantages of the arrangement for the one pound a year which is at present the minimum. Then it is reasonable to suppose that the box will become almost universal. This may come to pass, for it is to the advantage of the authorities at St. Martin's-le-Grand to popularise their system as much as possible. In this colony we have found that the cheapening of the telephone rates has led to a great increase in the number of subscribers and a general improvement in the whole telephone system, and experience proves that within limits this plan of operations is remunerative. It is the bane of many branches of the Government service that they fail to recognise that they have their existence in order to cater for the needs of the public, and that according to the efficiency with which they perform this duty so they justify their claim to carry on the work they are doing. Too often we see Departments that seem to govern their movements according to the dictates of some old red-tape regime that is curiously oblivious of the wants and convenience of the public. The London Post Office has given a refreshing example of its liberal, progressive spirit in the scheme which it has just put into operation. It is common to hear complaints of how much London is behind large Continental and American cities in many important particulars; but the Postmaster-General seems determined to remove any ground for reproach so far as the Department over which he reigns is concerned.

When we think what an important part the interchange of correspondence plays in our modern civilisation, it is only right that those who control the flow of letters should carry out their system in the completest fashion. Since Rowland Hill's time changes little short of marvellous have taken place. With astonishing rapidity and safety letters are transmitted from city to city at a cost so small as to make this service one of the wonders of recent days. While bigger schemes are maturing we may welcome the news of an extension of postal facilities such as that of the private posting-box.

The Defence Forces Rifle Association is the natural outcome of the dispute between Major-General French and the National Rifle Association. The latter body refused on more than one occasion to accept its true position as ancillary to the defence forces of the colony. Its main object ought to have been the improvement and encouragement of rifle shooting by our citizen soldiers, but its directors persisted in maintaining a course opposed to that recommended by the highest military authority in the colony. Naturally enough, the military authorities objected. There can be no doubt whatever that the National Rifle Association has done excellent work in the improvement of marksmanship and in the formation of a body of men who would be able to give a good account of themselves in the case of invasion. Unfortunately, however, the association chose to consider itself as not amenable to the military authorities, and its members can hardly complain now that a scheme has been devised which will directly tend to the encouragement of marksmanship amongst the members of the defence forces. There is, of course, nothing to prevent the National Rifle Association from pursuing the even tenor of its way. It can still offer substantial prizes for the encouragement of individual shooting, and it will be no longer hampered by the necessity of doing something to secure the approval and support of the military authorities. There will be no need for it to vary its programme with matches under service conditions, and it will be able to devote its attention exclusively to the promotion of good shooting by individuals. It will also be without the responsibility of administering the money voted by the New South Wales Parliament, for this will naturally go to the new body, which specifically aims at the development of the shooting of every branch of the defence forces. Perhaps some better outcome might have been arrived at, but the National Rifle Association was evidently so firmly fixed in its view of the case that the Major-General may be excused for thinking that only heroic measures would be of any service.

From several points of view the report of the medical officer of the Water and Sewerage Board for 1898 is satisfactory reading. It shows, for instance, that the population of the metropolis has increased by 7250 persons. Many people bewail, on very justifiable grounds, the congregation of large numbers of the inhabitants of Australia into cities; but, after all, this is merely a sign of the times. All the world over people are flocking from the country into the towns, and from the towns into the big cities; and the figures show that Sydney is more than keeping up its proportion. Then, there is the matter of mortality. Last year, with its epidemics of influenza and phthisis and measles, was particularly deadly. The death-rate was greater than it had been since 1893, but even then the figures bear favourable comparison with those of big centres of population in other parts of the world. Sydney's death-rate last year was 151 per 10,000 of the inhabitants—a very great increase on previous records. But, even so, it is much less than the mortality in London—one of the healthiest cities in the world—which stands at 168 per 10,000 of the population. This may be attributed either to the naturally healthy condition of Sydney or to the care and industry of the Water and Sewerage Board and other agencies. But one thing is certain, that a marked reduction in the mortality has taken place since the board undertook its important work. Too much attention might easily be devoted to the death-rate from diseases such as diphtheria, measles, and influenza. Epidemics do occur, and the wise men are not yet able to guard against their starting. That the same wise men are well equipped to guard against their inflicting the maximum of mischief is shown by the records. Mixed up with a lot of serious matter comes, as a sort of relief, the opinion of the medical officer about the mosquito. It has been found, it appears, that the mosquito is capable of conveying contagion, and loyal subjects are urgently advised to take care "to prevent these insects from being a cause of disease." Families in which mosquitos are kept as pets would do well to destroy the insects at once. The trouble is, How? Altogether, considering the epidemics which raged last year, this report is wonderfully satisfactory and reassuring as to the general health of the metropolis.

NAVAL NEWS.—The Italian cruiser Etna is to leave the harbour this week, and a wire from Fremantle states that she is expected to visit Western Australia before taking final leave of Australia. The arrival of the Austrian cruiser Saida at Fremantle is advised. She comes round to Sydney, visiting en route the chief ports. The vessel, which is a pretty ancient one, having been built over 20 years ago, paid a visit to Sydney a few years back. She is a third-class cruiser of composite construction, 2500 tons displacement, and carries 11 guns of 5·9in. calibre. Her speed is 12 knots. H.M.S. Pylades, which has been commissioned by Commander R. Tupper, is now on her way out to Sydney, via Colombo, where she is due this month. After having the defects in her machinery made good at Malta H.M.S. Brisk, which is on her way out to China, has left for Colombo, and was due to arrive there early this month. The German cruiser Hertha is expected at Colombo on her way to the East. Captain Mandt, in command of the German cruiser Bussard, writing to Sydney from Colombo, says that during their stay there they were most hospitably treated by the German community of the Ceylon capital. The voyage from Australia homeward had proved a fine weather one, the health of the crew was excellent, and all were looking eagerly forward to their arrival in the Fatherland once more.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.—The P. and O. Company expect that the Victoria will take her departure from Melbourne for this port to-day, so as to reach Sydney early on Saturday morning. Present arrangements are that she will come direct to the Quay, and will berth alongside as soon after 7 o'clock in the morning as practicable. Yesterday the P. and O. Company despatched the Oceana for London, first calling at Hobart. A complete list of her passengers (to see whom off there assembled at the vessel scores of visitors) will be found in to-day's shipping columns. Among those whose friends mustered in force were those down to see the Rev. John Macauley, of Waverley Presbyterian Church, away, also the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller. The Oceana cleared the Heads at 1 o'clock, and at 10 minutes past 6 was reported by Jervis Bay heading south. The distance between the two points is 87 miles, thus making the speed of the Oceana something over 16½ knots per hour. Maintaining that right down to Hobart she should put up a record. The Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi is due at the Circular Quay to-morrow afternoon. Attention is drawn by the Union Company to a change in the sailing arrangements of the Mariposa, the next outgoing steamer for San Francisco. The Mariposa, instead of berthing at the New Zealand Wharf, Margaret-street, will come to the Quay and take a berth on the western side, at the foot of Pitt-street. Also, instead of sailing on Monday at 4 p.m., as has been the custom, she will sail on Wednesday next, at noon.

THE NEW ORIENT LINER.—The new Orient liner, now due at Albany, the Omrah, built and engined by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, Glasgow, has a gross tonnage of 8300 tons, the total length over all being 507ft., the beam 56ft. 9in., and the depth moulded to the upper deck 37ft. 6in. The engines indicate 10,000 horse-power and give an average sea speed of 16½ knots. The vessel will accommodate 323 saloon passengers (first and second classes) and 500 third class. She can carry 40,000 carcases of mutton in her cold air-chambers, and on her present voyage will take home from Tasmania 30,000 cases of fruit. The Omrah has been placed on the Admiralty list as suitable for a cruiser in case of need, and at a speed of 10 knots could steam for 150 days without recoaling. Her average speed on a voyage to Australia under the most economical conditions of coal consumption would be about 16·5 knots, at which speed she could be driven a distance of about 16,000 miles without recoaling. She can make a complete circle of two and a half times her own length within a minute. In the steamer the company have endeavoured to embody all the latest and best improvements for the safety and comfort of passengers. The cabins are particularly large. The saloons, drawing-rooms, and smoking-rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated, and there is a perfect system of ventilation throughout the vessel.

COLLISION IN DARLING HARBOUR.—Yesterday forenoon as the Pyrmont ferry steamer Celestine Wilson was crossing the harbour on the 11 o'clock journey she came into collison with the ketch Forest Queen. The latter sustained some damage to her planking aft, having apparently been struck astern, and injured under the counter and along the bulwarks and rail. The Forest Queen is a wooden vessel of 51 tons, built at Auckland in 1872, and is owned by Mr. Henry Miles. She is employed in the northern rivers trade.

PROPOSED PRESS BAZAAR.—A meeting of the committee formed to promote the proposed Press Bazaar in connection with the Fancy Fair to be held in August next in aid of the Queen Victoria Consumptives' Home Fund was held at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon. Mr. Samuel Cook (general manager of the "Sydney Morning Herald"), president of the committee, presided. The members of the committee appointed to ascertain definitely what newspapers would be willing to take part in the movement handed in reports and letters, which showed that the majority of the papers were in full sympathy with the proposed bazaar, and would assist it in every possible manner, although one or two, while expressing sympathy with the object, did not see their way to take part. Several matters of detail were discussed, and a sub-committee was appointed to mark out the space required, divide it into sections, and make arrangements regarding the allotment of space to the various exhibitors. The meeting then adjourned until next Wednesday week.

CELEBRATING ST. GEORGE'S DAY.—For each of the past two years the 7th Infantry Regiment (St. George's Rifles) has marked the occurrence of St. George's Day by a semi-public dinner or supper. The next anniversary of the canonisation of England's patron saint is to be made an occasion for a demonstration of larger interest. Lieutenant-Colonel Neild, the officer commanding the regiment, recently placed himself in communication with Major-General French, and yesterday that officer gave his cordial assent to a proposal to hold a grand military tattoo at the Victoria Barracks on April 22. St. George's Day falls on the 23rd proximo, but as that day is a Sunday the preceding Saturday was selected.

NATIVE MISSIONARIES' GRIEVANCE.—The London Missionary Society's representatives are finding the Aliens' Restriction Act a source of trouble. It seems that when the John Williams, the society's mission ship, was here there was trouble because the Act prohibits the landing of kanakas, and the crew of that ship being largely composed of kanakas a special permit had to be obtained. The Collector of Customs interposed, and tranquillity was again restored. Now, the John Williams will be shortly due again from New Guinea with a batch of native missionaries who are on furlough and are voyaging via Sydney to Raratonga, their native place. The vessel will be 10 days in port refitting, and during her stay the society have in the past housed their native teachers in comfort ashore, and have otherwise been enabled to let them roam the city. But here again the Aliens Act steps in, and under a threat of certain pains and penalties, in case of a breach of the law being committed, imposes upon the society the necessity of giving a sufficient guarantee in writing that the teachers will be safely and speedily conveyed hence, and will not be permitted to set up business in our midst. It is pointed out by the society that these pastors and teachers, some of whom are in the pioneer ranks of New Guinea mission work, are absolutely British subjects, Raratonga being a British possession. Moreover, that they are but sojourners in transit to their island homes, and that they should not be put in the same category as Indian hawkers, hindoos, and cameldrivers. Their case is to be laid before the immigration authorities by the society.

SUPPOSED LEPROSY AT ASHFIELD.—With reference to the supposed development of leprosy at Ashfield later investigations show that the family in which the disease is said to have occurred has not left the suburb. The subject is being closely investigated by the authorities, and meantime the child, of whom mention has been made, has been kept away from school.

RUN OVER BY AN OMNIBUS.—Shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Dr. M'Carthy admitted into St. Vincent's Hospital W. E. Stevenson, aged 47, residing at 4 Boyce-street, Glebe. When admitted Stevenson was suffering from a compound fracture of the right thigh. It appears that about 1.45 p.m. Stevenson was riding a bicycle along Bunnerong-road, and when near the intersection of Doncaster-avenue he was knocked down by one of the leaders of a four-horse 'bus, between which and another he tried to pass. The vehicles were proceeding towards Kensington. When Stevenson was knocked down, before the omnibus could be pulled up the wheels passed over his right leg. He was immediately picked up and conveyed to St. Vincent's Hospital by Mr. C. Basson, who witnessed the accident. Stevenson is stated to be somewhat seriously injured.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.—The "Westminster Gazette" on March 2 published the following statement:—"Lord Beauchamp has hurried home from Greece and Italy in consequence of his appointment to be 'Governor and Commander-in-Chief' of New South Wales, and he was in town last week, but has now gone to Madresfield Court, his seat in Worcestershire, for a few days. Lord Beauchamp intends to leave for Australia about the middle of April, and it is probable that he will be accompanied to Sydney by his sister, Lady Mary Lygon, in which case she will resign her appointment as Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of York." In its issue of January 29 the "News of the World" makes the following announcement:—"One of the principal topics of conversation in West End circles is the rumour that Lord Beauchamp is about to become engaged to one of the Queen's granddaughters. The announcement of his appointment to the Governorship of New South Wales is said to confirm it. Of course we give the story for what it is worth. It at least enjoys the imprimatur which may be supposed to attach to circulation in the coteries of fashion. It is well known that Earl Beauchamp is a favourite and personal friend of many members of the Royal Family, and his advancement at an age so young is believed to be not quite unconnected with this circumstance."

THE WEATHER.—The highest temperature at Sydney yesterday was in the shade 73·2, a reading by no means excessive for March, but the day was stuffy especially after sundown, and last night the atmosphere was very close and muggy. The wet bulb gave a reading of 53 per cent. of humidity. Temperatures in the country yesterday were not so high as earlier in the week. The Bourke reading, 95· in the shade, was the highest, and the lowest was Kiandra 39·. The weather in New South Wales was fine generally. A little rain has been added to the fall on the northern coast, and in Queensland they have had very heavy falls on the north-east coast and appreciable falls in the north, with light to moderate showers in the central and south-eastern districts. The monsoonal change previously reported was still affecting the northern colony yesterday. The outlook is for a rise in the temperature in this colony.

CHILD-LABOUR IN FACTORIES.—If the statements contained in the subjoined extract from Tuesday's issue of the Melbourne "Age" be true, and there is no reason to doubt their accuracy, a most undesirable condition of things exists in some of the Melbourne factories. The journal in question remarks:—"Sensational statements were made at a meeting of the Women's Political Crusade last night relative to the alleged prevalence of child labour in certain suburban factories. Girls and boys

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under the age of 14, and even under the age of 10, it was stated, were employed at machinery, and it was no uncommon thing in one or two suburbs to meet with children who had lost their fingers owing to the nature of their work. 'They appear to think nothing of having their fingers nipped off,' said the president, Mrs. Pimm. When the factories' inspector visited the establishments, it was further said, it was usual for some of the smaller children to be hidden, so that they might not be seen by him. Mrs. Beadle observed that she had heard of one child who was under 12 years, who could neither read nor write, and who worked constantly at a factory, but she did not care to mention her name, as the little girl's mother was very poor, and she was afraid that the child might be dismissed. . . . A general discussion on the question of girl and boy labour followed, and Mrs. Beadle observed that she had been told that a week or two ago 150 men were dismissed at the Government railway workshops, and that a few days afterwards notices were posted at Spencer-street inviting applications for employment from 200 boys."

Mr. Ainsworth, who has been nominated as alderman for Norton Ward, Leichhardt, addressed the ratepayers on Tuesday evening from Eldridge's hotel balcony, Short-street. Mr. Cattanach occupied the chair. The candidate said he favoured the erection of public baths, and advocated the removal of the abattoirs to Homebush, to do away with the cattle nuisance. Mr. Adger proposed and Mr. O'Connor seconded a vote of confidence, which was carried unanimously.

A meeting of the Child Study Association of Australia was held at 137 King-street last evening. Dr. Carroll occupied the chair. The secretary stated that the prominent educators of Europe and America had found it necessary, if the best results in education were desired, to make a thorough and scientific study of the individual peculiarities and capabilities of each child. A paper was read by Miss Dawson on "Spontaneous Expression," and was followed by discussion, a vote of thanks being accorded to the reader.

The Mental Science Association held their weekly meeting in the School of Arts on Tuesday evening last, when Professor Carey lectured on "Heads and Faces, and How to Read Them." The speaker gave a short outline of the history and explained the principles of phrenology, stating that the mind had many faculties, each of which functioned through particular organs of the brain. With the aid of skulls, models, and diagrams, the lecturer explained differences in cerebral organisation and the corresponding peculiarities of mental manifestation.

A representative gathering, including Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., and the Mayors of Granville, Auburn, and Rookwood, took place in the Auburn Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a smoke social tendered by the members of the Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Ambulance Corps to Mr. Alfred Cheetham, who, after 20 years' service in connection with the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, has tendered his resignation prior to taking a trip to England and the Continent. Mr. Alban Gee, who presided, proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," and referred to him in eulogistic terms, his business connection with Mr. Cheetham having extended over 30 years. He presented Mr. Cheetham, on behalf of the Ambulance Corps of the works, with a gold-mounted walking-stick, suitably inscribed. Mr. Cheetham feelingly responded. During the evening a musical programme was gone through.

The council of the Art Society held its monthly meeting yesterday evening. The president (Mr. W. Lister Lister) was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The secretary reported that the classes were well attended, and arrangements were made for the annual students' competition. A letter was read from Lord Hampden thanking the council for its expressions of sympathy in his sad bereavement.

A social gathering took place at the Paddington Town Hall on Tuesday evening, when Alderman W. H. Howard was entertained at a return banquet by his committee and friends. The attendance was large, including the Mayor of Paddington (Alderman T. J. West) and a number of leading residents. The chair was occupied by ex-Alderman Aaron Maclean. Several toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

At the last meeting of the Willoughby Council, Alderman Willis moved a resolution to the effect that the Lands Department be requested to rededicate a reserve to the Naremburn Ward, now the Crown had established a title. The motion, so amended to include the Chatswood Ward reserves, was carried.

Mr. G. Anderson, M.L.A., has received from the Department of Public Instruction a communication informing him that the Minister has decided to provide a primary school for Alexandria, and that instructions have already been given to the chief clerk of works to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the work.

In consequence of certain information Senior-constable Nutley, at 1.30 yesterday afternoon, went to a shed at the rear of 76 Liverpool-street, and there found an old man apparently half-starved and very weak. He was unable to walk, and the officer accordingly conveyed him in a cab to the Sydney Hospital, into which institution he was admitted by Dr. M'Clelland. The man's name was found to be Louis Chevalier, and his age 87. He is a native of France, and has no relations in the colony. He is stated to be suffering from senile decay and general debility, and is not expected to recover.

THE MARINE BOARD.

INSPECTION OF VESSELS.

ACTION BY THE PREMIER.

NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED.

The Premier made a statement to a "Herald" reporter last night with regard to the Marine Board. He said that Mr. Samuel Smith, M.L.A., during the discussion on the Estimates made a number of statements affecting the efficiency of the system of the inspection of vessels as carried out by the Marine Board, and he made charges to the effect that vessels were allowed to trade in and out of the port in a condition at variance with the requirements of the law. Mr. See, M.L.A., followed Mr. Smith, and challenged the accuracy of the statements, but at the same time he suggested that they should be thoroughly inquired into.

The Premier said he felt that the statements were of such a serious character that they must be investigated, and he promised that he would lose no time in seeing that the matter was dealt with. Mr. Smith was called upon by the Premier to substantiate the charges which he had made, and he requested that Captain John Mackenzie, a marine surveyor, should be allowed to accompany an inspector of the board in a series of visits to certain vessels. The Premier acceded to this request, and arranged accordingly. Some of the steamship owners raised no objection to Captain Mackenzie and the inspector going on board their vessels, but others threw difficulties in the way. One objection raised was that Captain Mackenzie could not be allowed to go on board certain vessels unless he possessed credentials, whereupon the Premier gave Captain Mackenzie written authority in the matter. In certain cases when this authority was presented it had no effect. In the case of one company, Captain Mackenzie was referred to the directors of the company. He applied to the directors for permission to go on board their ships, but he was told that he could not do so unless all the directors of the company consented, and as one of the directors was absent from the colony this answer amounted to a refusal. In the case of another steamship company there was an absolute refusal to allow Captain Mackenzie to go on board.

This state of things was reported by Mr. Smith to the Premier, and Mr. Smith asked that Mr. Reid would appoint Captain Mackenzie temporarily as an inspector of the Marine Board in order that the difficulty might be got over. It was asked by Mr. Smith that the appointment should be limited in the matter of time, and it was desired that Captain Mackenzie's duties should be merely that he should point out defects to the inspectors of the board. The Premier acceded to this desire on the part of Mr. Smith, but a further difficulty arose when Mr. Reid received a memorandum from the Marine Board on Tuesday to the effect that "they respectfully declined to accede to the wishes of the Premier."

Mr. Reid said he was determined that the obstacles thrown in the way of a complete inspection of vessels should not be allowed to continue, and he therefore took immediate steps to bring that state of things to an end. Accordingly, at a special meeting of the Executive Council held yesterday, Captain Mackenzie was appointed a warden of the Marine Board, and so also was Mr. Samuel Smith. The effect of the appointment of these two gentlemen would be to remove the difficulties which had been created, and to enable daylight to be let in upon the state of the shipping. If it was found that everything was correct that would be most satisfactory. If, on the other hand, the abuses complained of were found to exist, nothing should be allowed to stop investigation, as these were matters which affected the safety of the travelling public and the lives of persons engaged in trade.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Samuel Smith is secretary of the Seamen's Union, but since his election to Parliament he has given up the payment attached to his office, and being a member of Parliament he will not be paid any fees for his position on the Marine Board.

"GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" NOTICE.

In a supplement to the "Government Gazette" issued yesterday, the Lieutenant-Governor issues a proclamation in which it is set forth that it being deemed advisable to increase the number of members of the board to nine, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, fixes March 8 as the date from which the Marine Board shall consist of nine members, namely, the president and eight wardens. His Excellency furthermore announces the appointment of Samuel Smith, M.L.A., and Captain John Mackenzie as the additional wardens.

TO-DAY.

Brighton Racing Club: First Race 2.45 p.m.
Wesleyan Conference: Centenary Hall, 9 a.m.
Amateur Sports Clubrooms, 23 Rowe-street: Lecture, Dr. Roth, 8 p.m.
Engineering Association: General Meeting, 70 Pitt-street, 8 p.m.
Balmoral Beach and Head of Middle Harbour: Steamer Edina leaves Circular Quay at 10.45 and 2.45.
Lyceum Theatre: "East Lynne," 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Geisha," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "The Work Girl," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Mr. Harry Rickards's Company, 7.45 p.m.
The Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: Opposite Redfern railway station, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

IN PARLIAMENT.

Interest in the federation debate was first excited by the presentation of a ponderous petition from the anti-billites. Dr. MacLaurin, consciously strong, tossed some hundredweight of paper, more or less, on the table and announced that there were 14,078 signatures to the document. The petition was read, and showed that the 14,000 object to any enabling bill going to referendum unless it contains the resolutions passed in the Assembly last session.

In moving the second reading of the Federal Enabling Bill, Mr. Hughes briefly traversed the view that had been put forward the evening before by the advocates of delay. Nothing like the ignorance that it was pretended existed outside as to the provisions and nature of the bill really prevailed. The Vice-President pointed to the ample publicity that had attended every stage of the bill, the numerous discussions, the exhaustive criticisms in the press and Parliament, and the tremendous impetus that had been given to the question of federation during the last three years, with the consequence of arousing intelligent interest in the mind of the public. So that he dismissed the idea that there had not been sufficient time given for consideration as unintelligible. And all that he brought forward to support his view was familiar history, though perhaps it was very necessary to remind the learned Councillors of some of these commonplaces of federal progression, remembering the enthusiasm they had displayed a few minutes before when Dr. MacLaurin's ponderous petition was received. Mr. Hughes argued that what was being done now was simply a matter of keeping faith with the public. What had been done was done in the full light of day; the bill was the natural result of a movement that had gone on steadily under the fiercest criticism, and with practically the sanction and mandate of the electorates.

Since it was the mission of this Parliament to deal with federation and give it finality, Mr. Hughes contended that the Council could not now stand in the way and prevent the Enabling Bill going as it stood to the people. The petition asked ("prayed") that no bill should be sent on that did not contain the amendments agreed upon by the Assembly last session. Mr. Hughes assumed that members of the Council were prepared to support the views of the petition, but his saying so brought forth denials. Oh, no, they explained, the petitioners were simply persons who had spontaneously placed their opinions on record, and not a single member of the Council had signed the document. Mr. Hughes thought that before the debate was over someone would say something uncommonly like the sentiments of the petition; but he didn't mind; he would be all the happier if his surmise proved wrong.

Mr. Hughes insisted that Mr. Reid was entitled to great credit for the concessions he had succeeded in getting for the colony. In five cases he had got what he asked for and the Parliament of this colony had recommended. To this someone said "more or less," satirically. Mr. Hughes thought it was more. For a moment the debate scintillated. "The Premier went to school without knowing his lesson," said Mr. Brown. "Don't we all do that?" replied Mr. Hughes. "Yes; but we don't put them at the head of the class." "Well, you take him down; you've been trying for years," was the retort.

Passing interjections and dissent showed the index of the Council's mind, and one gentleman opined that unless the railways were nationalised there would be civil war. Civil war was predicted on account of several other glaring defects in the Constitution. "If it had been proposed to nationalise the railways not six members of the House would have supported the proposal" exclaimed Dr. Cullen. That did not satisfy several gentlemen of gloomy views. They shook their heads, and their looks clearly indicated their fear of civil war. The clause referring to the federal capital showed that this is a very sore point with some members still "We shall never get it away from Melbourne" they gave it as their emphatic opinion, and it was obvious that no amount of argument would shake them in that view. They laughed in an incredulous manner when it was pointed out that the capital must be in New South Wales; that sort of thing might impose on the unsophisticated, but it was hopeless to try it on on them. It really was; and they intimated to Mr. Hughes that it was but a waste of time to try. They knew that the federal capital was to be Melbourne, and it was no use trying to persuade them otherwise. Mr. Hughes closed his review with an appeal that there should be no delay.

Dr. MacLaurin, who is the recognised leader of the federal opposition in the Council, now that Sir Julian Salomons has gone, at once took up the debate. His view is that we are in a position if not to dictate terms at any rate to insist upon good and fair ones, whilst as a matter of fact a very bad bargain has been made. The friends of federation at any price were playing the same game that failed them when the last Enabling Bill was destroyed at the polls in June. They told the people then that if they did not take that bill they would get none, and that was why so heavy a vote was cast for the bill. Now the same tactics were being used, but as a matter of fact New South Wales is so important to the federation, in the doctor's estimation, that we shall have many chances yet of federating even if we reject the terms that are offered now, because the other colonies must have us. Mr. Reid had given away everything. He had not consulted the Upper House, or paid any attention to its recommendation. They said that the capital should be in Sydney, because Sydney was the intellectual, commercial, and professional centre of the continent. It is also notorious for the extreme modesty of its public men, but the doctor did not mention this pleasing feature. However, he continued to argue that the capital by every process of reason and justice must be here. Within the hundred-mile pale there was a larger population than without it, and he wanted to know by what right the large section was to be told that it was not entitled to have the capital within its territory.

But remiss as the Premier had been in most respects he had signally failed when it came to the financial clauses. In this matter Dr. MacLaurin likened Mr. Reid to a trusted negotiator who had betrayed his trust. He submitted, therefore, that they were not bound by his acts. What guarantee was there that this colony would not have to pay an undue share of the cost of government, and was it not humanly certain that she will? Dr. MacLaurin contends that Mr. Reid does not understand the financial clauses of the bill, because within a space of 14 days he has given two different estimates of what the cost of the Federal Government will be, and the estimates show a discrepancy of nearly £1,000,000. The unsoundness of the financial clauses was shown by the admission of Sir George Turner, who had stated that under federation it would be necessary to place an excise duty on sugar at least equal to the customs duty; and Dr. MacLaurin thinks that Queensland and our sugar industries could not compete against the cheap German sugars. The bookkeeping system of adjusting accounts between the colonies is absurd and must break down—"it is a relic of barbarism." New South Wales would contribute 36 point something to the aggregate of revenue, and by a natural system of geometric progression she would never be able to recover the surpluses that would be payable to her under the scheme. In any case the union would cost this colony between half and three-quarters of a million, and as some set-off against this sacrifice the least that could be done was to give Sydney the capital. Her commanding wealth, position, and territory made this but bare justice. The last and most important point that had troubled Dr. MacLaurin was this, "What was the Council to do?" He urged wisdom. Let not the Council refuse to pass the bill, and thus give unscrupulous persons a chance of making capital, but let the bill go through and afterwards be defeated before the country. He would propose some reasonable amendments in committee. "That is a good way of killing it," said Dr. Cullen. "Does the honorable member think I will give with one hand and take away with the other?" responded Dr. MacLaurin indignantly; and the other doctor uncompromisingly replied that he did. Dr. MacLaurin repudiated the insinuation with dignified warmth. He will not give up his right to propose reasonable amendments; but the efforts of his party are to be made when the bill is before the country. And for himself he has every confidence in the good sense of the people, who rejected the last bill and will decline to have this one, which is, after all, but a wretched copy of the first one. Mr. Pulsford supported the bill, and he handled figures and statistics with almost staggering ease. The debate was afterwards adjourned.

In the Assembly there were a number of questions asked. Mr. Reid informed the House that the salary of the Chief Justice is £3500 a year, but as Lieutenant-Governor he will be paid at the rate of £7000 a year. It is a fact that 11 aboriginal children have been refused admission to the school at Gulargambone. The parents of the white children object; it is not known whether the 11 aboriginal children object. The Premier refused to give any answer to Mr. O'Sullivan when that gentleman asked whether the Attorney-General had resigned. The Advances to Settlers Bill was discussed all the evening, but not much progress was made. However, a number of amendments have been indicated; and as nothing much can be done till the Enabling Bill is disposed of in the Council, Mr. Reid agreed to adjourn till Tuesday. Mr. O'Sullivan protested, because he wants his motion about the unemployed dealt with. This motion says that measures shall be taken "to absorb the unemployed during the winter," it also embraces many other matters, and if it were taken up would mean perhaps a continuous sitting up to Christmas. The sitting came to a close with "personal explanations." The House rose till Tuesday.

QUEENSLAND.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NEW GUINEA.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. G. R. Le Hunte, Lieutenant-Governor of New Guinea, sails to-morrow in the steamer Merrie England. Since his arrival in Brisbane Mr. Le Hunte has made himself fully acquainted with the Queensland views concerning New Guinea, having had frequent consultations with the Governor and the Premier.

THE ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

The annual encampment for the training of the Southern division of the Land Defence Forces has been fixed to take place from May 20 to May 27 inclusive. That for the Northern forces will be fixed for a later date, probably June 11 to June 18.

A SCHOONER WRECKED.

The Moonta, an iron coasting schooner, was wrecked early this morning on the rocks under Gatcomb Head lighthouse, near Gladstone. The vessel's position is dangerous, and she is already beginning to break up. There was no loss of life. The Moonta has been employed for some years past in the Queensland coasting trade.

HEAVY GALE ON THE COAST.

Heavy squally weather has been experienced off the coast a couple of hundred miles north from Cooktown. A considerable number of beacons have been displaced, and the Channel Lightship has been blown away from her moorings. About 10 pearl-shelling boats have been stranded on various neighbouring reefs. There are signs everywhere of the severity of the recent hurricane. The steamer Duke of Norfolk experienced a heavy gale when coming down the coast.

The candidates for the representation of North Brisbane addressed separate meetings to-night. Each met with a splendid reception. Mr. E. B. Forrest addressed his meeting sitting down, owing to his inability to stand for any length of time since his recent accident. He declared himself favourable to federation, and desired to see a vigorous policy of harbour improvements commenced, so as to enable the colony to readily derive the fullest benefits from its vast resources. He stated that a complete scheme for placing the port of Brisbane in such a state as would afford shipping facilities equal to those of the southern ports would only cost £750,000.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

At the Civil Court to-day the hearing was begun before Mr. Justice Boucaut and a jury, of an action in which W. H. Beaglehole, who until recently was a director of the Junction mine, Broken Hill, sued the Hon. J. H. Howe, M.L.C., chairman of the same board, for £1000 damages for assault, alleged to have been committed at Broken Hill on November 19. The Junction directors had made their half-yearly inspection of the mine, and on the evening in question the Hon. J. H. Howe, according to the evidence of Beaglehole, addressed strong remarks to Beaglehole, who forcibly replied. Later, in the smoking-room of the hotel, further uncomplimentary remarks passed between the two, and witnesses alleged that Howe struck Beaglehole on the mouth, which, according to the doctor, rendered him unconscious and caused concussion of the brain, although Beaglehole was able to proceed to Adelaide two or three days later. He stated that he still felt the effects of the blow. The Court was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

GENERAL BOOTH'S HEALTH.

General Booth's medical attendant this morning reported that the patient's health showed a decided improvement. At a late hour this evening, although the venerable leader of the Salvation Army was steadily mending in health, he was still very exhausted. He spent a very quiet day. It is probable that the General will be compelled to cancel his New Zealand engagements.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Austrian warship Saida arrived at Fremantle yesterday from Capetown, and took up a berth at the quay inside Fremantle Harbour this morning. She is engaged on a cruise, in the course of which she will visit the principal ports of all the Australian colonies.

H.M.S. Mohawk is expected at Fremantle from Albany to-morrow, and the Italian warship Etna is also expected at Fremantle.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce a motion was carried urging the Government to take steps to prevent the Vancouver service being lost to New Zealand. Some members also urged the advisability of a reciprocal tariff with Canada.

The Anglican bishops have issued a manifesto regarding the question of marriage and divorce. The manifesto sets forth that the Church in New Zealand received its constitution in 1857, at which time there marriage of divorced persons was forbidden in the Church of England. This rule was to continue until altered by the General Synod, and the remarriage of divorced persons during the life of the other party was contrary to the law of the Church of this province, but in view of the diversity of opinion in the Catholic Church regarding the remarriage of an innocent party the clergy were not to refuse the sacrament to those thus married. Such cases must be submitted to the bishop of the diocese.

The Dunedin Amateur Athletic Club committee has decided to recommend Brownlie, Martin, and M'Cormack for the Australasian championship meeting.

The police have been warned that there are three escapees on board the steamer Rippingham Grange, which left New Caledonia on Thursday and calls here for coal.

Later.

On the arrival of the Rippingham Grange from New Caledonia at Wellington the police searched the vessel without discovering any escapees. The police fear some of those on board are secreting the escapees.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

In a communication on the subject of the federal capital Mr. E. F. Rudder, of Rudder Grange, Coramba, states that the most suitable site for it would be the remarkable plateau known as the "False Table Land," on the Nymboi and Bobo rivers, west of Coff's Harbour. He sets forth the claims of this locality on the following grounds:—(1) Security against attack by sea or land; (2) magnificent water supply; (3) unrivalled climate; (4) rich agricultural surroundings; (5) proximity to a safe port and water communication; (6) accessibility to the great Western rivers and all parts of Australia; (7) small expenditure to Commonwealth in acquiring site, and facilities for drainage.

EDEN, Wednesday.

The Eden Progress Association has decided to accord support to the movement having for its object the location of the federal capital in southern Monaro. A suggestion is strongly favoured here that the federal territory should comprise the Eden-Bombala electorate and the adjacent Victorian electorate of Croajingolong, the federal capital to be located near the border line between the two colonies.

The Ashfield Half-holiday Association held its annual picnic yesterday at Mortlake. A large number of excursionists made their way to the picnic grounds in drags and 'buses, and many went on bicycles and in other vehicles.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE MAGAZINE EXPLOSION.

SIXTY-FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY INJURED.

AN OUTRAGE SUSPECTED.

LONDON, March 7.

It is now considered that the origin of the magazine explosion which occurred at 2 a.m. on Sunday at Lagouban, near Toulon, in the South of France, was wilfully caused, and that the outrage was arranged.

The work of clearing the debris of the ruined buildings shows that the destruction of life was greater than was at first estimated.

It is now known that 64 persons were killed and 130 injured.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of Great Britain, the Czar, the Emperor of Germany, and other countries have expressed condolence with the bereaved families and sufferers.

THE FAR EAST.

THE FOREIGN GUARDS.

LONDON, March 7.

The Chinese Government has asked the Powers concerned to withdraw the marines guarding the Legation buildings in Pekin. America, France, and Russia have assented to the request.

THE NIUCHWANG RAILWAY LOAN.

LONDON, March 8.

The Russian Government has peremptorily reiterated its objections to the terms of the Niuchwang railway extension loan.

Sir Claude Macdonald, British Ambassador at Pekin, has, on his part, reiterated that the contract is binding on China.

Russia recently protested against the terms of the Chinese loan in connection with the extension of the Shanhaikwan railway to Niuchwang, which provide that the engineer must be a British subject. Russia accused the Tsung-li-Yamen of having committed a breach of faith in agreeing to this provision, and of having contravened the agreement concluded between her and China.

LORD TENNYSON'S DEPARTURE.

LONDON, March 7.

Lord Tennyson, the Governor-elect of South Australia, Lady Tennyson, and suite left to-day for Marseilles, where they will embark on the Ophir for Adelaide. Among those who saw him off at the Charing Cross railway station were Dr. Cockburn (Agent-General for South Australia), Sir T. Fowell Buxton (the late Governor), Lord Ampthill (Private Secretary to Mr. Chamberlain), and General Sir D. Probyn (Comptroller and Treasurer of the Household of the Prince of Wales).

THE QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS.

LONDON, March 8.

The Queen of the Belgians, who was reported to be in a critical condition as the result of a severe attack of bronchitis, is rallying.

PREVENTION OF RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

LEGISLATIVE REFORMS.

LONDON, March 7.

It is estimated that the adoption of automatic couplings and other reforms proposed in the Railway Accidents Prevention Bill will cost £10,000,000. The Railway Association intends to send experts to America to investigate the operation of the new proposals there. The measure, which is founded on American systems, provides that the railway companies shall provide automatic couplings, &c., by 1904. The bill was introduced in the House of Commons last week by Mr. C. T. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade.

NEW GUINEA.

LONDON, March 8.

The Government was questioned in the House of Commons last night regarding the authenticity of a report to the effect that the conversion at an early date of British New Guinea into a Crown colony was contemplated.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied that there was no foundation for the statement.

SECRET TRADE COMMISSIONS.

STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

LONDON, March 8.

The London Chamber of Commerce has made startling disclosures in reference to the practice of taking "secret commissions," which, it states, is prevalent amongst all trades and professions.

The Chamber advises the introduction of stringent legislation to deal with the evil.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 7.

The second series of wool sales opened firm all round, except for low-conditioned crossbreds.

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Messrs. Balme and Co., Buxton, Ronald, and Co., Jacomb and Son, and Schwartze and Co. offered catalogues aggregating 11,149 bales, the catalogue being representative ones. The competition was of the keenest. There was a large attendance of buyers, including representatives of some American firms.

The prices for all merinoes and fine crossbreds were firm, with an upward tendency. Low crossbreds were 5 per cent. below the February closing rates.

FROM ONE 1lb. PARCEL
you can learn whether Lloyd's Tea is what they say it is. 594 George-street, 109 King-street.—Advt.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

THE MUSCAT INCIDENT.

LONDON, March 7.

Profound surprise has been expressed in England at the statement in the French Chamber of Deputies by M. Delcasse, Minister for Foreign Affairs, that Great Britain had agreed that France was entitled to a coaling depot at Muscat, in the Gulf of Oman. The French newspapers are jubilant at Lord Salisbury having to admit that the action of the British Resident was incorrect.

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Speaking in the House of Commons last night, the Hon. St. John Brodrick, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the statement by M. Delcasse, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the Chamber of Deputies with regard to the Muscat incident was imperfect. The French Agent at Muscat in March, 1898, secretly obtained the cession of a small harbour, with the right to hoist the French flag and fortify the place, though M. Delcasse asserted in November, and repeated his assertion recently, that he was unaware of the acquisition of the harbour. Under pressure brought to bear by Lord Salisbury the lease was annulled. The action of the British Agent at Muscat had not been repudiated, as was stated by the French Minister. Great Britain had no objection to France securing a coal store, provided that it was not accompanied by a cession of territory.

The "Times" says that M. Delcasse is shuffling over the Muscat incident, and is attempting to throw dust in the eyes of the French people.

THE UPPER NILE DIFFERENCES.

LONDON, March 8.

It is semi-officially notified in Paris that the differences with Great Britain in regard to the Upper Nile will be settled in a fortnight.

The English newspapers declare that the suggested internationalisation of the Nile is utterly inadmissible.

RUSSIA AND SERVIA.

DEPARTURE OF THE RUSSIAN MINISTER FROM BELGRADE.

LONDON, March 8.

M. Jadovski, the Russian Minister to Servia, has left Belgrade, having taken offence at not being invited to a Court dinner.

It is believed, however, that the departure of the Russian Minister is due to the Czar's displeasure at ex-King Milan's presence in Servia and his interference in the affairs of the country.

AFGHANISTAN.

THE AMEER IN EXCELLENT HEALTH.

LONDON, March 8.

The Ameer of Afghanistan, Abdur Rahman Khan, presided at a durbar at Cabul on February 25.

The Ameer was in excellent health.

THE LATE LORD HERSCHELL.

LONDON, March 7.

Her Majesty the Queen has expressed her thanks to President M'Kinley for the friendly sympathy and also for the honours bestowed by Americans upon the remains of the late Lord Herschell, who died suddenly at Washington last week. The body of the deceased statesman is to be conveyed in a British warship with an American man-of-war as escort to England.

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H.M.S. Talbot, 5600 tons, a second-class cruiser, and one of the vessels of the North American and West Indies squadron, will convey the body of the late Lord Herschell to England.

BRITISH TRADE.

LONDON, March 8.

According to the returns of the Board of Trade, the imports into the United Kingdom during the month of February show a decrease in value of £184,180, and the exports an increase in value of £1,740,557, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

THE DRUCE CASE.

THE VAULT TO BE OPENED.

LONDON, March 7.

The Home Secretary, Sir M. W. Ridley, has made an order sanctioning the opening of the Druce vault in Highgate cemetery.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING.

LONDON, March 7.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who has not yet recovered from his illness, has not been informed of the death of his eldest daughter, Josephine, who succumbed to pneumonia.

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Mr. Rudyard Kipling is slowly improving.

A CAPE LOAN.

LONDON, March 8.

A 3 per cent. loan of £3,107,400 which was placed on the London market by the Government of Cape Colony has been subscribed. The total amount tendered was £5,147,209, the average price being £97 2s 3d.

SILVER.

LONDON, March 7.

Bar silver is quoted at 2s 3 7-16d per ounce standard.

THE TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, March 8.

At the weekly sales by auction of Australasian tallow to-day 1025 casks were offered, of which 750 casks were sold. Mutton, fine, realised 26s; mutton, medium, 24s 6d; beef, fine, 24s 3d; beef, medium, 23s.

VICTORIA.

LOANS TO SETTLERS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the first meeting of the Stock Exchange to-day attention was drawn to the proposal before the New South Wales Parliament to authorise the borrowing of £500,000 for the purpose of making loans to settlers in the drought-stricken districts, and the secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Treasurer of New South Wales whether interest and capital would be payable in the other Australian colonies as well as in New South Wales. Should this be the case it is probable that, considering the increased rate of interest on the loan and the high income tax payable in Victoria, this loan will receive good support from Melbourne capitalists if the minimum is not fixed too high.

THE YARRA TRAGEDY.

A claim, based on peculiar grounds, has been sent to the Chief Commissioner of Police for a share of the reward in the Yarra tragedy. The applicant states that he is an elderly man, and on reading Dr. Neild's evidence at the inquest that the victim of the tragedy was a woman about 30 years of age he was put to a good deal of trouble and some expense in making inquiries respecting women of that age who were missing. When Dubberke confessed and it was ascertained that the victim was only 18 years of age, he saw that his inquiries were of no value, and he considers that he should be recompensed out of the reward for his trouble.

The young woman Dubberke, who was instrumental in bringing to justice the perpetrators of the tragedy, has withdrawn her claim for a share of the reward. She states that she has determined not to touch a penny of the reward money.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

At the sitting of the Wesleyan Conference to-day a proposal that the taking up of collections at Sunday services be preceded by the reading of Scriptural texts bearing upon the duty of giving was negatived. Several speakers urged that ministers ought not to be asked to make any financial appeal from the pulpit. It was also urged that care should be taken to see that ministers in both town and country were assured of "a living wage."

The trial of Alfred John Ford on a charge of the murder of a Chinaman named Dan Young, at Horsham, last August, was concluded to-day before Mr. Justice Holroyd. His Honor summed up in favour of the accused, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Ford was at once rearrested on a charge of stealing a horse and waggon and other property of the dead man.

In compliance with the wish expressed by a majority of the municipalities interested, the Premier will appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the past management of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

A serious shooting accident is reported from Wangaratta, at the residence of George Patterson, a farmer. Patterson's eldest boy, aged 10, found a paper cap of a toy pistol, and taking down from the wall an old Enfield rifle that was hanging there, and which had not been used for quite three years, he placed the cap under the hammer, and playfully pointing the rifle at two little brothers pulled the trigger. The gun happened to be loaded with small shot, and the charge exploding a portion of the charge struck one of the boys in the side, badly lacerating it, but it is expected that he will recover.

At the annual conference of the Australian Natives' Association to-day a resolution was carried affirming that the State system of education should be improved and extended, so as to embrace physical, secondary, and technical education.

THE MARITIME DISPUTE.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Matters in connection with the maritime dispute at Fremantle were quiet this morning. The cargoes of the Wollowra and Adelaide, and the steamer Franklin were gradually discharged by free labourers and the crews of the vessels. The railway department provided about 15 truckers, some being porters and shunters from the department, and the balance being outside men. An informal conference between shipowners and stevedores and the unionist delegates was commenced at the Fremantle Town Hall at 10 this morning, the Mayor of Fremantle presiding. The conference was private. After sitting all day the meeting adjourned till to-morrow.

THE GATTON TRAGEDY.

GATTON, Wednesday.

The Commissioner of Police this morning, previously to opening the inquiry, had a conference with Inspector Urquhart and the police magistrate, the outcome of which has not been disclosed. On the opening of the court Inspector Urquhart said, with reference to Mrs. M'Neil, that he had received a letter from Mr. Wonderley, solicitor, of Toowoomba, enclosing a certificate signed by Dr. M'Donnell, certifying that the lady was not in a fit condition to undergo a public examination. The police magistrate said the matter could stand over for a day or two, and he would see what arrangements could be made. John Murphy was then called, but did not answer to his name. Inspector Urquhart said: "These people are giving too much trouble. They know they have to be here from day to day." The police magistrate remarked: "It is not nice for the family to treat the inquiry in this way, as they should do all they could to assist the police."

William Murphy, brother of the victims, was called, and gave evidence relating to the attendance of the young people at the Mount Sylvia races on Boxing Day, and also to the movements of the members of the family the same night. To the best of his knowledge, no one left the house that night after his sisters and brother had gone to the dance. After witness had been questioned about what M'Neill said when he returned from Gatton, Inspector Urquhart addressed him, saying, "Don't treat this in such a cruel way. Be careful; tell exactly what was said." The police magistrate: "I cannot understand why you people don't recognise the gravity of the matter. You give answers in a haphazard way, and sometimes give answers before the questions are put."

After lunch William Murphy continued his evidence. He stated that he heard M'Neill in his room on the night the murders were committed. The family had no reason to suspect any particular person. His mother, four or five years back, obtained a protection order on account of one of the girls against a man whom he could not name. He also stated that Mrs. M'Neill had a quarrel with her father before she married M'Neill, and that there was a bitter feeling on the father's side. The remainder of his evidence was similar to that already given. The inquiry was adjourned till to-morrow.

DEATH OF DR. MAURICE O'CONNOR.

General regret was expressed by a large circle of friends yesterday when it became known that Dr. Maurice J. O'Connor had succumbed to an attack of acute pneumonia, from which he had been suffering for the past fortnight. Dr. O'Connor, who was in his 42nd year, had been ailing for about two months. A fortnight ago he took to his bed, and was removed to a private hospital so that he could have the benefit of skilled nursing. Drs. M'Cormick, Murray Oram, Goode, and Brady were in constant attendance, but the patient gradually sank and died at about 6 o'clock last evening. Dr. O'Connor was a native of Sydney. He had originally intended to study for the Bar, but changing his mind, was entered as a surgeon-apprentice at Sydney Hospital when a youth. Later on he was sent to Dublin to complete his medical education, and there gained his degree, returning to the colony as surgeon of the Whampoa. A year afterwards, being then under 21 years of age, Dr. O'Connor was appointed surgeon at Darlinghurst Gaol, a position he retained till under the reorganisation carried out by the Public Service Board he was appointed medical officer to the public institutions at Parramatta. The deceased gentleman was senior surgeon at Sydney Hospital, and was for some time the representative of the medical staff on the board of directors. He was also a member of the Medical Board of New South Wales, and one of the National Park trustees. Dr. O'Connor never married, his surviving relatives being Dr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Edward O'Connor (Department of Mines), and an unmarried sister, Miss Kate O'Connor. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at Waverley Cemetery.

LATE MINING.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Brilliant Central, 16s 3d; Brilliant Freehold, contributing, 1s 1½d; Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, and Victory, 5s; Craven's Caledonia, 2s 1d; Lady Florence, 1s 1d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 1s 2½d; Moonstone Consols, 1s 9d; Moonstone Towers Extended Block, contributing, 1s; No. 1 West Victoria, 3s 5d; Smith's Extended Block, 8d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 5s 6d; ditto, paid, 6s 8d, 6s 6d; Victoria G.M. Association, 7s 1d.

All who take an interest in the great game, cricket, will appreciate the group pictures of the "Two Elevens" in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

Members of the School of Arts Debating Club make a pleasing group in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SERIOUS BUGGY ACCIDENT.

BOMBALA, Wednesday.

Last night a buggy accident of a serious character happened to the Rev. George Metcalfe, Church of England clergyman, and his wife. Whilst driving down Burn's Hill the bolt came out of the shaft, causing the horse to swerve. This locked the wheels and overturned the vehicle. Mr. Metcalfe fell on his head, and was stunned for a considerable time, whilst Mrs. Metcalfe had a hatpin forced into her head and her arms severely bruised and scratched. She, however, managed to walk towards the town for assistance for her husband, and aid was quickly at hand. It was found that Mr. Metcalfe had sustained injuries to the spine. This morning he was slightly better.

GRAFTON QUARTER SESSIONS.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions were continued to-day. Percy Green, charged with an assault, was acquitted. Joshua King, found guilty of horse stealing, was sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour in Grafton Gaol. Dick Ferguson, for assaulting another aboriginal, was sentenced to four months' hard labour. Edward O'Neill, found guilty of horse stealing, was remanded for sentence. The trial of Christopher Mealing for alleged forgery was postponed until next court.

The council of the Clarence Pastoral and Agricultural Society has decided to ask the principal of Hawkesbury College to forward exhibits of cheese, bacon, and preserves.

ROBBERY OF MAILS.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

A report from Wallerawang states that on Sunday night burglars entered a locked brakevan standing at the railway station, in which some mail bags were lying awaiting transit by mixed train, leaving for Mudgee on Monday morning. Five bags were found to have been cut open with a knife, and the contents abstracted. Close inquiries have been made, but so far nothing of importance has been discovered as to the perpetrators.

BERRY, Wednesday.

The Berry half-squadron of Lancers went into camp to-day, on the show grounds, for three days' drill, under the command of Captain Hay and Lieutenant Osborne.

BOMBALA, Wednesday.

The residents of Nimitybelle intend building a School of Arts shortly.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

A number of prominent residents assembled at the School of Arts last night for the purpose of making a presentation and wishing bon voyage to Mr. Gavin George, manager of the Commercial Bank here for the past 14 years, who has been granted six months' leave of absence on account of ill-health. The Mayor (Alderman A. Stephens) presided, and made reference to the active interest taken in all public and philanthropic movements by Mr. George, who is a vice-president of the Cottage Hospital, Agricultural Society, and School of Arts. Dr. T. C. Fisher, Alderman G. M. Pugh, Dr. Valiack, Rev. E. S. Wilkinson, Messrs. F. P. Dowdell, T. Bonynge, C. W. Marsden, and T. H. Keigwin also spoke in eulogistic terms of the departing guest, after which the Mayor, on behalf of residents of the district, presented Mr. George with a purse of sovereigns. The recipient suitably responded, and refreshments were subsequently partaken of and the health of the guest drunk. Mr. George and family left this morning for Sydney en route to New Zealand, where he will take a course of bathing at the hot springs.

The School of Arts has received a cheque for £21 14s 11d from the Treasury, being balance of subsidy due for last year.

The exodus of farmers and cattle from this district still continues, most of the latter being taken to the Richmond River in search of grass. About 230 head left by special train to-day, making a total of fully 1050 taken away during the last three or four weeks. A thunderstorm on Sunday morning yielded 105 points of rain, but this only served to replenish domestic supplies, and much more is needed for the grass and crops.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The school board of advice met this afternoon in the Mayor's parlour at the Town Hall for the purpose of arranging a meeting to consider the advisableness of recommending an extension of the Technical College building, which has proved inadequate for the number of students enrolled. A public meeting has been called for Tuesday next, when Mr. R. N. Morris, M.A., Superintendent of Technical Education, is expected to be present.

Quite a chapter of accidents has occurred during the last 24 hours. John Sheppard fell off some timbers in the Central mine last evening, sustaining severe contusions to the head and shoulders. Robert Reynolds, working at the Proprietary Mill last night had a nasty fall through slipping from a plank along which he was wheeling a truck of sulphides. He fell into a truck underneath, and the truck he was wheeling, along with its contents, fell on top of him. He received painful bruises about the head and face. William Margoram, a mill employee, was admitted to the hospital this afternoon suffering from a broken thigh and a damaged arm. He was attending the Proprietary crushers, when he slipped and was caught in the belting, being drawn round three times before the machine could be stopped.

Richard Riley, a miner, was working at the 400ft. level in Block 11 this evening and was squaring the roof preparatory to putting in supporting timber, when about a ton of sulphides came down bodily without warning. Riley was partially buried and rendered unconscious, but his mate, who was working some 30 yards away, heard the crash and came to his rescue. On removal to the hospital it was found that Riley was badly injured about the head, back, and loins. His condition is considered serious.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

At a special general meeting of members of the School of Arts it was decided to borrow £650 towards making additions to the building.

Mr. E. Hilton reports having discovered additional caves of great beauty on the Kowmung River, Burragorang.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The train was two and a half hours late this morning, caused by the breakdown of the engine at Williamsdale platform, near Michelago.

COROWA, Wednesday.

Mr. Conroy, of the Customs Department, was entertained on Monday night prior to his departure for Sydney, and was presented with a purse of sovereigns.

Ploughing in this district is delayed for want of a good soaking rain. Several halves-men on surrounding stations are disposing of their plant.

FORBES, Wednesday.

At midnight last night the residence of C. E. Findale, Sheriff-street, was destroyed by fire. The house narrowly escaped on Sunday night, when Smith's house, adjoining, was burnt. No one was in the dwelling, and all the contents were destroyed. The house belonged to Messrs. C. and J. Eddy, and was insured in the South British Office for £350 and the furniture in the same office for £300. While this fire was burning the residence of Mr. John F. M'Mahon, Cowra-road, was also destroyed by fire, making the fourth outbreak since Sunday night.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Mr. F. A. Wright, M.L.A., is arranging a deputation of members to wait on the Minister for Works to urge matters in regard to the proposed Grafton-Glen Innes railway.

The settlers on Graham's Valley pastoral holding recently thrown open to selection have already begun to improve the land. A large area is to be devoted to fruit culture.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

The Rev. J. S. Scott was formally inducted to the charge of the local Presbyterian Church this afternoon. The General Assembly was represented by Dr. Laing. Mr. J. J. R. Gibson, on behalf of the congregation, presented to the Rev. J. S. Scott an illuminated address of welcome.

KATOOMBA, Wednesday.

A large meeting of ratepayers was held last night in the council-chambers for the purpose of forming an association, its purport being for the general advancement of the town. The Mayor (Alderman W. F. Goyder) presided. It was resolved unanimously that it be called the Katoomba Improvement Association. A provisional committee of three, viz., Messrs. Coulson, Copeland, and Kitch was appointed for the purpose of formulating a code of rules to be submitted to a general meeting to be held on Tuesday night next, the 14th instant. All present signified their intention of joining, and were enrolled as members.

Mr. Stephen Murphy, police magistrate, adjudicated at the local court for the first time to-day, and was cordially welcomed by the honorary justices present.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The Rev. W. Dobbie, who has supplied Byron Bay Presbyterian charge for several years, and is leaving for Bellinger, was entertained at a farewell social at Springvale.

The weather continues showery. The pastures everywhere are abundant. Steamers from Sydney are bringing full complements of stock, principally from the South Coast.

MOSS VALE, Wednesday.

The entries in all the various classes at the forthcoming show compare most favourably with those of last year in point of numbers.

OBERON, Wednesday.

Seven hundred entries have been received for exhibits to the local agricultural show, which opens to-morrow.

PARKES, Wednesday.

Two haystacks owned by M'Guinness, a farmer near Parkes, have been destroyed by fire. An inquest is to be held.

In regard to the boiler explosion an inquiry will not be held till the arrival of the Government expert, who has been wired for by the authorities. Heraghty was buried this afternoon. Mackey is more injured than was at first supposed. The distance from where Heraghty was standing to where his body was picked up is 67 yards. It is remarkable greater injury was not done.

TUMUT, Wednesday.

Satisfaction is expressed at the expected visit here in May of the Premier, Colonial Secretary, and the Mayor of Sydney.

Mr. H. E. Bridle, suffering from a gunshot wound in the thigh, was brought here to-day.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

The local band held a collection on Sunday in aid of the hospital, £7 5s being realised. Mr. F. Nield, sen., has been elected president of the hospital, and Mr. G. P. Evans vice-president.

WAGGA WAGGA, Wednesday.

Bot fly has been found on a horse at Brucedale.

Drs. Thane, Stoker, and Warren have been appointed paid medical officers of the hospital.

The Land Board has granted the applications of Mr. G. Sheppard and Messrs. Dixson and Sons, Limited (Sydney), to pump water from the Murrumbidgee for irrigation purposes. The latter have secured a large area of land, and engaged Mr. Alexander, of Renmark, to carry out irrigation experiments for the growth of tobacco and fruit.

WARREN, Wednesday.

The land board granted all the applications for water licenses, except that of N. A. Gatenby, who was opposed, for a dam across Crooked Creek. This case was postponed.

Thomas Webb, who was convicted of a serious assault, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

This evening the newly-formed Orchestral Society gave a "continental" at Wollongong, the first entertainment of the kind ever organised in the district. Mr. F. A. Franklin, M. Inst. C.E., placed the lovely grounds of Buona Vista at the disposal of the society, and, with Mrs. Franklin, did much to ensure the success of the entertainment.

NEWCASTLE.

THE BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The monthly meeting of the general committee of management of the Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society was held at the offices, Parry-street, this afternoon. The president (Mr. W. Arnott, sen.) presided, and about 40 ladies, representing the various district committees, were present. The monthly report of the matron showed that there had been 17 admissions, 6 inmates had been discharged, and there had been 2 births, leaving 64 inmates in the asylum in addition to 8 occupants of cottages for infirm aged couples. The outdoor relief report stated that during February 217 families, representing 540 persons, had been relieved at a cost of £125 15s 2d. The casual relief report showed that 117 meals and beds had been provided, 62 steamer and one railway pass had been granted to indigent persons in search of employment, and 124 loaves of bread had been distributed, the total cost having been £11 17s 11d.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. P. Lock) submitted the balance-sheet, showing that the receipts for the month totalled £31 16s 5d, and the disbursements amounted to £265 17s 9d. The reports and balance-sheet were adopted.

BREACH OF THE NAVIGATION ACT.

In the Summons Division of the City Court to-day Senior-sergeant M'Vane, in charge of the Newcastle Water Police, proceeded against Captain T. Darley, master of the steamer Dovedale, for having committed a breach of the Navigation Act by failing to exhibit two red lights at the masthead whilst his vessel was aground in the channel on the evening of the 17th ultimo, and consequently not under command. Defendant was fined £3, levy and distress.

AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DECISION.

An appeal against a recent decision by Mr. Mair, S.M., in a maintenance case was heard before Judge Murray at the courthouse to-day. It appeared that the magistrate made an order against the defendant in the case in question for a sum of 5s per week for the support of his illegitimate child, and one of the grounds upon which the appeal was lodged was the fact that after the birth of the child the woman had married. After hearing the argument, his Honor said that the English and colonial Acts were different in an important respect. Our Act stipulated that "any woman" was entitled to support for her illegitimate child, the provision "single woman" in the English Act having been omitted. Maintenance orders were made not for the support of the woman, but for the support of her offspring. He, therefore, dismissed the appeal with costs.

THE DISTRICT COURT.

The March sittings of the Newcastle District Court were opened before Judge Murray to-day. The cases disposed of were actions for the recovery of debts alleged to have been contracted for goods sold and delivered, but no cases of public interest were heard. The sittings will probably be continued until Friday next.

THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

The March sittings of the Newcastle Court of Quarter Sessions were resumed and concluded before his Honor Judge Murray this morning, when sentences were passed on prisoners.

Frank Butler, who had pleaded guilty to three charges of having whilst a director of the Carrington Co-operative Coal Shipping Company, Limited, fraudulently appropriated to his own use the sums of £375, £29 19s 8d, £7 2s 2d, and £13 4s 7d, was sentenced to four years' penal servitude on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent. The prisoner at the time of committing the offences was a prominent labour leader, and held the position of managing director of the Carrington Co-operative Coal-shipping Company, Limited (formerly Crane Employees' Union), president of the Northern district assembly of the Political Labour League, and president of the Newcastle Eight Hours' Demonstration committee. He was also the selected labour candidate for the Wickham Electorate at the last general elections.

John Scanlon, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having on December 11, 1898, stolen from the dwelling-house of Richard Nash, one watch chain and locket and other goods, the property of the said Richard Nash, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

George Sydney Woods, who had pleaded guilty to two charges of having illegally pawned bicycles and to three charges of having fraudulently appropriated bicycles, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent.

Arthur Sinclair, found guilty on a charge of having obtained a sum of £12 1s 3d from Thomas Williams, licensee of the Premier Hotel, Broadmeadow, by means of a false pretence, to wit, a valueless cheque, with intent to defraud, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, with hard labour, in Maitland Gaol.

Robert Allanson, Robert Shaw, and Thomas Carlton, who were convicted on a charge of having assaulted one Noah Porter, thereby occasioning him actual bodily harm, were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour, in Maitland Gaol.

Horace Hope and Ellis Lewis, who were found guilty on the previous day of having broken and entered the dwelling-house of Lewis Solomon, at Hamilton, and of having stolen therefrom a gold watch, valued at £5, were both sentenced to three years' imprisonment, with hard labour.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The ship Ardencraig sailed to-day for San Francisco with 3141 tons of coal from the Co-operative Colliery. The steamer Kendal Castle left for Manila with 4134 tons of Lambton coal; the four-masted barque Cape York sailed for Mollendo with 3220 tons of Duckenfield coal; and the steamer Changsha took her departure for Manila and Hongkong with 1830 tons of Duckenfield coal.

In the intercolonial trade, the steamer Kadina left for Geraldton and Fremantle, via Sydney, with 3850 tons of coal. The steamer Allinga cleared at the Customs House for Brisbane, via Sydney, with 1100 tons of coal. The steamer Dovedale cleared for Port Pirie, via Adelaide, with 4050 tons; and the steamer Wanaka cleared for Lyttleton with 3390 tons.

The weekly meeting of the Newcastle Marine Board was held at the offices, Customs-house Buildings, this afternoon, when a quantity of routine business connected with the management of the port was disposed of.

A special meeting of the City Council has been convened for Friday evening to consider the sewerage scheme for Newcastle and suburbs proposed by the Government.

The blind musical students gave an excellent performance at the Masonic Hall to-night in the presence of a large and appreciative house.

General satisfaction is expressed by the miners in the district at the announcement that the colliery proprietors of the Northern district intend to accede to the demands of the men by fixing the minimum hewing rate at 2s 11d. The contents of the official communication of the owners have not so far transpired, but it is understood that a meeting of the delegate board has been convened for an early date.

Matters in connection with the municipal difficulty at Lambton are becoming even more complicated. At the date of the annual elections there were no nominations, and since then two aldermen have resigned. Yesterday was fixed as the nomination day for the extraordinary vacancies, but no one was nominated. The council now consists of three aldermen, who, at the expiration of their term, will not probably offer themselves for re-election. Since the official receiver appointed by the Master in Equity entered into possession of the borough all interest in municipal affairs has disappeared, and no resident can be found willing to serve the ratepayers in the council.

The Minister for Works has approved of a sum of £2000 being placed on the next Estimates for the drainage of the low-lying portions of the borough of Waratah.

At the monthly meeting of the Newcastle Ministers' Association, on Monday last, a paper entitled "The Preface to St. John's Gospel" was read by the Rev. James Cookston.

The Rev. Father Quinn was presented with a handsome testimonial by the residents of Stockton last evening, the occasion being his departure from the district.

To-day's exports included 47 pieces of timber for Lyttleton by the steamer Wanaka, 150 bags of bottles for Brisbane by the steamer Allinga, and 100 bullocks for Western Australia by the steamer Kadina.

ROWING.

North Shore Rowing Club Regatta will be held on March 18. The open race will be junior fours. Some very good crews will enter, entries closing next Saturday.

C. Crosse and E. Mansfield, of the Hunter River district, will row over the Raymond Terrace course of three miles next Saturday for £50 a side. Crosse has been for some time with Nielsen on the Parramatta. Mansfield has been under the care of Messenger, of Double Bay.

Mercantile Rowing Club has a scratch double sculls race fixed for March 25. Ten crews are expected to take part. J. Reid, of the Glebe, is building twopair oar boats for this club, and when they are finished a series of races for maidens, juniors, and seniors will be rowed off. A large number of new members have been secured, and the club, financially, is now in a stronger position that it has been for the past 10 years or more.

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WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

EIGHTH DAY.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The ex-President took the chair at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The daily record was read and confirmed. It was resolved that the second reading of stations be the first business on the following morning.

The Rev. J. Bathgate was at his own request transferred from the missions to colonial work.

The Rev. A. J. Webb moved,—"That Lomaloma be placed under the superintendency of a native minister with a view to the appointment of the Rev. William Brown next year." The conference agreed.

The secretary reported the receipt of a telegram from the Victorian Conference, in which it was stated that that conference received the Rev. H. Worrall, a returned missionary, for work in that colony.

After the singing of a hymn the Rev. W. H. Rogers read the obituary notice of the late Rev. J. Oram, of Stanmore, particulars of whose illness and death have already been made known. The notice was adopted.

Many of those present spoke in high terms of Mr. Oram's life and work.

The Rev. C. J. Prescott, M.A., read the obituary notice of the late Rev. James Somerville.

Several ministers spoke, and the obituary was adopted.

The secretary read the obituary notice of the late Rev. T. R. M'Michael.

After several speeches the obituary was adopted.

Dr. Brown read the obituaries of the late Revs. Samuel Cabe and William Baleimasuva, two native ministers. The obituaries were adopted, and the conference rose.

The ex-President took the chair at 2 o'clock, when the representative conference met.

The Rev. W. F. Oakes read the daily record, which was adopted.

The secretary read a communication from Mrs. Pottie, the secretary of the Peace and Arbitration Society. The letter was laid upon the table.

The secretary read a communication from the Victorian Conference regarding the appointment of an organising secretary for foreign missions to work in Victoria.

On the motion of Dr. Brown the communication was referred to the mission board for consideration and report.

The Rev. George Lane submitted his resolution commending Dr. Sellors as representative to the British Conference.

The resolution was adopted.

The secretary reported the receipt of a memorial from the Coonamble circuit as to the appointment of an unmarried minister.

The Rev. W. H. Beale presented the report of the committee of procedure.

METHODIST UNION.

The Rev. W. W. Rutledge, as secretary of the Federal Council, presented the report, which was received and taken as read.

Mr. Rutledge moved the following notice of motion,—"The conference of 1898 having reaffirmed the expediency of organic union with the Primitive Methodist and the United Free Methodist Churches, and such union having been decided upon in the other colonies to take place not later than 1902, it is now resolved: 'That in the judgment of this conference there is no sufficient reason why the organic union of the Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist, and United Free Methodist Churches should not be formally effected in this colony in 1902.'" The speaker said that it was not necessary that he should speak upon the desirability of the union, as previous conferences had already passed resolutions bearing on that question. These resolutions had already decided that organic union was desirable. As one result the Federal Council had been initiated. The time had now arrived when they should say something as to the date of union. The General Conference had put its imprimatur on union. In New Zealand they had union. In Adelaide they had agreed to union in 1899 subject to the fulfilment of certain provisions affecting the supernumerary fund. In Queensland they had become united, though objections which he wished to anticipate might be raised. In Queensland he thought they had acted with undue haste because final arrangements with the Home conference had not been made. But they did not propose to do what Queensland had done. There could be no undue haste if they accepted the recommendations of the federal council and fixed the date at 1902. Then there were only 25 men in this colony outside their own Church, and surely in 10 years time they could find room for these men. If all the other colonies entered into union by the year 1902 their conference would be in an unenviable position—a position he personally would be ashamed of. (Dissent.) The other conferences could not legally use the name "The United Methodist Church of Australia" if one conference held out. The English Primitive Methodist Church in England said that they would not deal with one conference until they could deal with all in the legal transfer of their properties. These facts could not be controverted. He believed that as union was certain and imminent, let them fix a date for union. Their opponents must not expect the conference to follow their judgment in this respect. Their conference had bowed to the decision of the majority and loyally accepted it, even though they did not agree with it. He hoped they would give a unanimous vote.

Mr. Isaac Winn (Newcastle) spoke from his knowledge of his district. The Primitive Methodists were waiting for union. Union on financial grounds was desirable, and he said that after examination of the finances. By amalgamation they would secure a balance, which could be used in the establishment of a mission hall. They saw the disadvantages of disunion. He hoped there would be a good vote for union.

The Rev. W. Clarke said that he intended to move an amendment, of which the conference ought to be put in possession. In reply to Mr. Rutledge, he said that he was not ashamed of his convictions. And his conviction to-day was that Methodist Union was not for the glory of God. When union did come—if it ever came—he would stand loyally by the decision of the conference, but till then he would stand alone if necessary. He thought that Mr. Rutledge's speech did not agree with his resolution. They should postpone this question until the Century Commemoration Fund had closed. In South Australia they had postponed the question until they had raised the sum of £2000. (No.) Well, he read the news so. They were continually agitated by this question. He did not believe Mr. Rutledge's resolution would be carried, as it required a two-thirds majority. (No.) If they postponed this question for a time they would be able to see how it worked in Queensland and elsewhere. Union was not a success in New Zealand, so he had been told on good authority. In Queensland some of those who advocated union were now sorry they had it. He had great pleasure in moving the amendment,—"That in the judgment of this conference the consideration of the union of the Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist, and United Methodist Free Churches should be postponed until the century commemoration fund be closed."

Mr. R. H. Ducker (Sydney) seconded the amendment, and said that this movement was undesirable.

The Rev. C. J. Prescott, M.A., would say that there were strong and sufficient reasons why this resolution should not be carried. They did not regard themselves as committed to union by the last conference resolution. He deplored the methods which had been resorted to, as they were worthy only of the Vatican or the Legislative Assembly. The convention that they had called together was a failure, and showed a lack of interest in the question. Would it be possible after the raising of the century fund to raise £2000 a year to establish Methodist union. He had been told that the Methodist Church had been put back 50 years in Queensland through premature action. Union in this case meant disunion. Were the Primitive Methodists their natural allies? If any men left their Church, did they go to the Primitive Methodist Church? And did the Primitive Methodists come to them? In this union he did not think they were going back to Wesley's spirit. If they carried this resolution they were committed irrevocably. It was dangerous to force this union.

The Rev. W. G. Taylor said he regretted the whole tone of the speech to which they had just listened. (Dissent.) It was a dangerous thing for anyone to say that they did not feel themselves bound by any resolution until the last moment. He believed that they were irrevocably committed to union. (Dissent.) Mr. Taylor then read the resolution of the last conference. He could not see how they could maintain their honour and go back on the decisions of previous years. He affirmed that they were constitutionally committed to union. They could not stand out if the other conferences went in. What would be their position in the General Conference? There were many difficulties, but they could be overcome.

Mr. W. Winn supported the motion.

The Rev. J. A. Nolan said that if they were going to have union let it be carried fairly. Why did they not give them a straight out resolution, and let it be carried by a two-thirds majority. This organic union meant disunion.

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers said he could not vote for either resolution or amendment, and he intended purely on his own responsibility and without consultation with others to give notice of a further amendment. They did not legislate in advance of public opinion. In the public gathering, for which he had arranged in Parramatta, and to which the Primitive Methodists were invited, not one Primitive Methodist outside the minister was present. That fact made him hesitate. They should take steps to ascertain the mind of the Primitive Methodists. As they all knew, he was in favour of union, but he must give notice of an amendment.

Mr. W. W. Clarke said that if they voted for the motion it would be used against them at a later date. He challenged Mr. Rutledge to give them a straight out resolution. Referring to the telegram from South Australia, Mr. Clarke said that if that amount were necessary there, a much larger amount would be required here. They were in danger of over-organisation.

The Rev. James Woolnough stated that when the conference resolved upon union he would work loyally to carry out the decision. The Wesleyan Church as they knew it would cease to exist when union took place. Their people had never had the question properly put before them. They had been given nominal figures. They should have had actual facts. He thought that he had a prescription which would clear away many of the difficulties. Why could they not enter into some form of treaty by means of which some properties could be disposed of. He thought if a call were made before they were committed to-morrow they would receive more help than would come afterwards. That conference could not commit another conference to any date for union. It was an equitable thing for the General Conference to say that no conference was committed to union until the vote was carried by a two-thirds majority.

Mr. W. Robson deprecated the use which had been made of Queensland and South Australia in this matter. This scheme did not advocate the raising of any fund. In Queensland, he believed, union had been followed by good results.

The Rev. James Colwell moved,—"That the question be now put." The conference agreed and Mr. Rutledge replied. The conference was divided and the amendment put, the result being 76 for and 76 against. The president gave his casting vote against the amendment, which was therefore lost.

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers then moved the following amendment:—"That the question of fixing a date for the consummation of Methodist union be postponed till next year with a view to a vote of the members and adherents of the Primitive Methodist and Free Methodist Churches being taken upon the question of the desirability of such union being effected at an early date, and we hereby request the federal council to arrange for such a vote being taken as early as practicable."

The conference was again divided, 91 voting for Mr. Carruthers's amendment, and 61 against. On being put as a substantive motion 90 voted for the motion and 54 against.

The conference adjourned at 6.25.

THE SUSTENTATION SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Church Sustentation Society was held in the evening in the Centenary Hall, York-street, and was well attended. Mr. R. H. Ducker presided. A special feature in connection with the gathering was the rendition of a programme of vocal selections by a choir of some 20 ministers, under the conductorship of the Rev. W. W. Rutledge. The programme consisted of part-songs, solos, and choruses, including a medley of old Methodist tunes. The frequent applause of the audience testified their appreciation, the Rev. W. W. Rutledge being accorded an encore for his solo "The Holy City," with vocal accompaniment by the choir of ministers. Mrs. Laverty also received an encore for her solo.

The Chairman delivered a brief address relative to the work of the society, after which the Rev. J. Woolnough (secretary to the Sustentation Society) made a statement regarding the general work accomplished. He explained that the society, which dealt with home missions, did not in any way compete with foreign missions, although there were people who excused themselves from giving to one on the ground that they gave to the other, but frequently they in reality gave to neither. The society had not failed in its work in the past, but was still occupying the places it had taken up. The Macedonian cry had come and was still coming from different parts of the colony, but they had been obliged to turn a deaf ear to it. He scarcely knew how they were going to meet the demands made upon them and overtake the work. He sometimes feared there was a tendency to settle down in the town circuits, thus unduly exalting circuit life to the neglect of the outlying parts. A proposal was now on foot to establish a travelling gospel car equipped with gospel literature under the charge of a home missionary. It was not their intention to carry out the scheme on quite the same lines as in England, where the car was used for the purpose of conducting missions in circuits where ministers were already established. They proposed rather to send the car to places where no circuit existed, and where there were children growing up living long distances from churches or ministers, some of whom were as ignorant of the Gospel as many of the heathen in foreign lands. At the outset they had been met with the difficulty of finding the right man and the necessary outfit. They wanted it to be something in keeping with the higher ideals of the Methodist Church both as regarded the man employed and the method of conducting the work. They required £200 before they could make a start, and at present they had no money specially set aside for the purpose. Dealing with the work of the society generally, he would like to point out that since March 31, 1895, the society had liquidated, by means of special help, outstanding circuit debts to the extent of £9082, at a cost of £2003, leaving only £505 unpaid.

The Rev. Dr. Sellors and Mr. W. H. Wheatley also delivered addresses, and a collection was taken up specially in aid of the gospel car fund, promissory slips also being handed round, with the result that £126 10s was collected or promised, including a special donation of £22 from the ministers' choir, which was handed to the secretary during the meeting.

CHURCH NEWS.

MARRICKVILLE PRIMITIVE METHODHIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Special services to celebrate the above anniversary were held on Sunday last. Mr. H. L. Walters conducted the morning service, and the Rev. M. Beavley (of Annandale) preached in the afternoon. In the evening the Rev. W. Atkinson gave a forcible address to the adults. Special anthems were rendered by the choir, and at each service there was a crowded attendance. On Monday evening the annual public meeting was held, Alderman G. F. Crozier (Newtown) presiding. Satisfactory reports were read by the secretary and treasurer, and a musical programme was contributed by the scholars.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB, BALMAIN.

The members of the above club held their first social on Thursday last at the School of Arts, Balmain East. There were about seventy present, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Songs, interspersed with games, helped to pass the time pleasantly, and a light refreshment proved the means of forming an acceptable break. During the evening speeches were made by the president (Mr. A. S. H. Perry) and the vice-president (the Rev. R. Hammond), when it was stated that eight new members had been proposed, and that next Thursday night would be devoted to a debate and gymnastics. Those who contributed to the musical portion of the programme were Misses Harrison, E. Hatton, and J. Lynch, Messrs. F. Corkhill, W. C. Lacey, A. M'Niven, and P. Travis; while Mr. S. Grey played both a pianoforte solo and the accompaniments with great taste.

WESLEYAN ANNIVERSARY AT GRANVILLE.

Special services in connection with the church anniversary were held in the Granville Wesleyan Church on Sunday, the Rev. F. J. Branch, of Cobar, presiding at the services. On Tuesday evening a social was held in connection with the same event. The Rev. J. Hopkins presided. The annual report showed progress. An excellent musical programme was submitted, Mr. W. James conducting the choir and Miss M'Michael acting as accompanist.

RAILWAY TENDERS.

The following tenders for supplies for railway requirements have been accepted by the Railway Commissioners for the period from July 1 next to June 30, 1900:—

Ironmongery: General, Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co.; builders, Holdsworth, M'Pherson, and Co.; tools, Holdsworth. Explosives: No. 1 section, Holdsworth, M'Pherson, and Co.; No. 2 section, Universal Explosives Co. Screws: John Keep and Sons. Fencing wire: Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co. Handles: J. Keep and Sons. Weighing machines, balances, &c.: J. Keep and Sons. Metals: E. C. Hughes (excepting spelter); spelter only, Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co. Plumbers and Gasfitters.—Ironmongery: No. 1 section, Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co.; No. 2 section, Davis, Shepperd, and Co.; No. 3 section, Milne Brothers. Iron and brass founders' stores: Thomas M'Pherson and Sons. Cocks, valves, and fittings: J. Danks and Sons. Machine and boiler fittings: Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co. Indiarubber goods: Holdsworth, M'Pherson, and Co. Brushware: No. 1 section, Sydney Blind Industrial Institution; No. 2 section, J. Sandy and Co. Colours, &c.: J. Sandy and Co. Glass: No. 1, Sydney Glass and File Company; No. 2, J. Sandy and Co. Glass and earthenware: S. Hoffnung. Ship chandlery: No. 1 section, Smith and Kopsen; No. 2 section, F. O'Hagan. Leather belting, hose, &c.: J. C. Ludowici and Son. Drapery: No. 1 section, Hordern Brothers: No. 2, Sydney Blind Industrial Institution. Chemicals, &c.: Elliott Brothers. Soap: O. G. Upton. Furniture, joinery, &c.: Sections 1 and 2, C. Shuker; Section No. 3, Farmer and Co. Earthenware pipes, &c.: West, T. Wilton; Sydney, H. Dean. Grindstones: Green Brothers. Metal badges, type, &c.: G. Twemlow. Canvas goods, &c.: Goodeault Brothers, Hooker, and Co. Rubber stamps, ink, &c.: J. H. Stead. Brass and electroplated ware: Milne Brothers. Coke, smiths' coal, &c.: B. Byrnes. Kerosene oil (American): Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co. Engine cleaning oil: P. T. Taylor. Kerosene oil (N.S.W. manufacture): William Hall. Canvas: Nos. 1 and 6, P. T. Taylor; No. 5, F. O'Hagan. Fog signals: J. H. Scott. Angle and tee iron: Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co. White lead: H. Bronnfield. Red lead: W. Cary and Sons. Cement: Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co., and Earp, Gillam, and Co. Glue: Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co. Rope: A. Forsyth and Co. Galvanised iron and tinware: E. A. Harper.

THE "SEAT OF GOVERNMENT."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Judging by the peculiar effect of the federation polemic upon the minds of educated and intelligent business men in the capital of New South Wales, there is a difficulty in realising how people scattered over the face of the country are to be expected to grasp its possibilities. Although the absurdities of the patched-up Convention Bill were freely demonstrated at the Hotel Australia on Monday last, the dominating note of the speakers at the meeting called by the "Colonists' Anti-Convention Bill League" was that if the site of the capital were once conceded to Sydney everything besides was to be tacitly forgotten and forgiven. It never once seems to have occurred to those conditional condoners of a measure at once impracticable and revolutionary that what their contention boiled down to was the disfranchisement of our noble city for all time, and the annihilation of her voice and influence in the councils of the country. For, as an extra-territorialised and detached unit, Sydney, in the supposed case, would belong to no country. Taking our speakers at their word, are they prepared for that particular outcome of their one-sided line of argument?

Again, even the unanimous consent of the various colonies would, as I read "amended clause 125," be powerless to prevent the separation of the Federal Parliament by many hundreds of miles from the federal "seat of government" so long as Melbourne remains the parliamentary domicile. There is no possible qualification of the sentences which enact that the "seat of government" from the very start must be somewhere in New South Wales. There is nothing so extravagant in any pantomime as the way in which this would work out. Imagination fails to anticipate or power of pen to describe it.

If those who are freely and generously bestowing money and time upon the task of protesting throughout the country against one of the most revolutionary and strife-promoting measures ever submitted to a civilised people were to rest their appeal to the electors on the broad inequities of the thing, and not on its accidents and comparative trivialities, they would be the more likely to carry their point.

I am, &c., C. M'KAY SMITH.

March 8.

A portrait of the Rev. J. Gardiner, President of the Wesleyan Conference, is in the current issue of the "Mail."—Advt.

Ensure Health, Wealth, and Happiness by drinking Nicholls's Non-alcoholic Tasmanian Dandelion Ale.—Advt.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton to-day, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. In addition to the ordinary railway traffic to Rockdale a special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m.

Immediately on the publication of the weights yesterday afternoon for the A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup North British and Bobadil were selected as the probable winners and 3000 to 30 was laid against the double, after which the price shortened. Other horses taken for the Doncaster Handicap in doubles and finishing with Bobadil for the Sydney Cup were Hopscotch, Reaper, Vigorous, and Condiment. Backers all wind up with Bobadil for the long race, and it is difficult to lay anything else, although 200 to 1 is offered against any combination which omits both North British and Bobadil. No straight-out books were yesterday opened on either the Doncaster Handicap or Sydney Cup, most of the principal bookmakers being absent in Victoria.

Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphs that Mr. J. R. Smith intends handing his recent purchase, the yearling sister to Scorn, over to T. Payten to train.

Rylstone J.C. and Coraki Tattersall's T.C. Race Meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-morrow with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. The programme will be found in the advertising portion of the paper.

The Brighton proprietary will hold pony and galloway races in Easter week on Tuesday and Friday, April 4 and 7. Included in the programme will be a Time Handicap Trot, 2 miles, of 45 sovs.

THE RACEHORSE REAPER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The racehorse Reaper has been sold privately to Mr. J. Gove for shipment to India.

V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

ANTICIPATIONS BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The third day's racing in connection with the autumn meeting of the V.R.C. takes place to-morrow at Flemington, and, taking a line from to-day's temperature, there are all the indications of very warm weather. The sport commences with the Hurdle Race, in which Homespun and Iramoo divide the honours of top weight, and the latter, even with 15lb more than he carried over three miles on Saturday, must be very hard to beat. Mystery should run well, and so should Chartreuse, J.B.C., and Barton. The contest promises to be a good one, and Mr. Miller's choice—Iramoo or Realgar—should win from Mystery and Barton. Valorous, George Frederick, Regained, Delusive, Promontory, Nitre, and Grizzle appear to be the most reliable in the Maiden Stakes, and places may be occupied by Valorous, Promontory, and Grizzle. An interesting contest is foreshadowed for the Autumn Handicap, in which G'nullo, Flintlock, Longford, and Wild Raven should play prominent parts, and the judge's verdict may be anticipated by Wild Raven, Longford, and G'nullo, unless separated by Flintlock. The final forfeits for the Champion Stakes do not fall due until half an hour before the race, but it is not probable that more that four will face the music. They are Bobadil, Wait-a-bit, Lee Metford, and Le Var, who will likely come home in the order named. Condiment, Nitre, Lauri, Promontory, Rona, and Grizzle read as well as anything in the Nursery Handicap, and the situations may go to Condiment, Nitre, and Rona. The afternoon's sport winds up with the River Handicap, in which Cabin Boy, Reaper, North British, Yale Lock, and Longford have none the worst of the fixtures, and the judge's decision may be anticipated by Longford, Cabin Boy, and Yale Lock, while danger may come from North British. Subjoined is the programme:—

HURDLE RACE.—About 2 miles. (1 p.m.)

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Homespun	12	11	The Hall	10	4	Logo	9	13
Iramoo	12	11	J.F.	10	2	Infanta	9	11
Realgar	11	10	J.B.C.	10	2	Manfred	9	7
So-and-So	11	7	Navarre	10	2	Nalouth	9	7
Don Juan	10	12	Warwe	10	2	Nansen	9	7
The Provost	10	10	Barton	10	2	Clamorous	9	0
Mystery	10	7	Diversion	10	1	Chorister	9	0
Parrakeet	10	5	Minestra	10	1	Prodigal Son	9	0
Chartreuse	10	5	Bell Metal	10	0	Centra	9	0

MAIDEN STAKES—1 mile. (1.45 p.m.)

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Valorous	8	5	The Undine	7	11	Promontory	6	8
Carevie	8	4	Haughty	7	11	Nitre	6	5
Alone	8	2	Delusive	7	11	Grizzle	6	5
Hurry Up	8	2	Violet and Gold	7	11	Ideal	6	5
George Frederick	8	0	Carlotus	7	9	Hurrah	6	5
Regained	8	0	Egypt	7	9	Far Away	6	5
Trochon	8	0				Idol	6	5

AUTUMN HANDICAP—1 mile 5 furlongs. (3 p.m.)

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Majestic	9	11	Flintlock	7	7	Wild Raven	6	13
Le Var	9	5	Alemene	7	5	Nudity	6	7
Elessive	8	8	Longford	7	1	Hainault	6	7
G'nullo	8	6	Relic	7	0	Chokebore	6	7
Reka	7	10	Crimson	6	13	Alone	6	7

CHAMPION STAKES (w.f.a.)—3 miles. (3.45 p.m.)

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Wait-a-Bit	9	5	Regained	7	12	Holster	7	12
Le Var	9	5	George Frederick	7	12	Symmetry	7	9
Majestic	9	0				Cordite	7	9
Ballistite	9	0	Lee Metford	7	12	Avalon	7	7
Detonator	7	12	Heretic	7	12	and others.		
Bobadil	7	12						

NURSERY HANDICAP—7 furlongs. (4.30 p.m.)

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Scorn	9	10	Cheeney	8	12	Hurrah	7	3
Revenue	9	8	Rona	8	8	Far Away	7	1
Condiment	9	4	Grizzle	8	3	Graceful	6	13
Nitre	9	0	Lissadurn	8	0	The Merry Prince	6	11
Lauri	9	0	Ideal	7	11	Caralbi	6	7
Promontory	8	13	Idol Shell	7	7	Pline Louise	6	7
Duke of Portland	8	12	Battle Royal	7	6	Miner	6	7

RIVER HANDICAP—1½ mile. (5.15 p.m.)

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Majestic	10	2	Eindsford	7	7	Alex	6	11
Cabin Boy	9	9	Longford	7	7	The Dreamer	6	11
Hymettus	9	3	Relic	7	7	Miss Carbine	6	11
Elessive	9	1	St. David	7	6	Delusive	6	10
North British	8	11	Crimson	7	5	Regained	6	10
G'nullo	8	6	Amazier	7	5	Model	6	7
Moonlyong	8	4	Doddington	7	3	Chokebore	6	7
Reaper	8	2	Barleycorn	7	1	The Undine	6	7
Yale Lock	7	13	Nudity	6	13	Aroha	6	7
Viking	7	13	Hainault	6	13	Canada	6	7
Symmetry	7	11	Carbinier	6	11	Passover	6	7
Alemene	7	9	Heretic	6	11	Carlotus	6	7
Renown	7	9						

FOURTH DAY.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE—About 3 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Dowrins	13	3	King's Vision	10	7	N. Z.	9	11
Leeway	12	9	Spieler	10	5	Tasman	9	8
Irish Stew	12	7	Hyena	10	2	Evanston	9	0
Ouyen	11	3						

The following are the V.R.C. scratchings:—Champion Stakes:—Rifleite, Economic, and Cordite. River Handicap: Chokebore and St. David. Hurdle Race: So-and-So and The Hall.

A.J.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The following weights were declared yesterday for the leading handicap events to be run at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting:—

DONCASTER HANDICAP—1 mile.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Merioolas	9	13	War God	7	10	Delusive	6	13
Strathroy	9	11	Como	7	10	Condiment	6	13
The Chief	9	7	Voma	7	10	Cantatrice	6	12
Cabin Boy	9	7	Longford	7	9	Diffidence	6	12
Majestic	9	6	Vigorous	7	8	Filigree	6	12
Eastern King	9	3	Robin Hood	7	8	The Watch Dog	6	12
Hopscotch	9	2	Cremona	7	8	Alix	6	12
Hymettus	9	2	Dozen	7	7	Cobham	6	10
Vivian	9	0	Scorn	7	7	Salute	6	9
Tramp	9	0	Lowland Chief	7	7	Klondyke	6	9
North British	8	11	Dan O'Connell	7	7	Stelene	6	9
Lochaber	8	10	Residue	7	7	Nitre	6	9
The Clansman	8	8	April Fool	7	6	Marathon	6	8
Fitzroy	8	6	Influenza	7	6	Eulong	6	8
Burleigh	8	6	Relic	7	6	Carberra	6	8
Stand Off	8	4	Miss West	7	5	Violet and Gold	6	7
Water Colour	8	4	Revenue	7	4			
Kalistina	8	4	Viscount II.	7	4	Tecoma	6	7
Reka	8	2	Truant	7	4	Sambucca	6	7
Nor'-East	8	2	Friend	7	4	Tui	6	7
Kirry	8	2	Tanner	7	4	Ickle Gurl	6	7
Coralie	8	1	Caledonia	7	4	Report	6	7
Reaper	8	1	Zen II. (late Zeno)	7	3	Bellwood	6	7
Symmetry	8	0				Nuka	6	7
Toxteth	8	0	Coal Queen	7	3	Tawera	6	7
Talavera	8	0	Regained	7	2	Grizzle	6	7
Man of Honour	7	12	Maecenas	7	2	Oceanic	6	7
Alemene	7	12	Idle Boy	7	2	Blue Nobby	6	7
Akarini	7	12	Illuminata	7	2	Murra	6	7
Steward	7	12	Cavalier	7	1	Gentle Hermit	6	7
Nevada	7	12	Vocalist	7	0	Carronade	6	7
Miss Emmett	7	12	Mosaic	7	0	Proudfoot	6	7
Renown	7	10	The Rock	7	0			
			Amourette	6	13			

SYDNEY CUP—2 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Merioolas	9	12	X Ray	7	9	Auda Regained	6	12
Bobadil	9	8	Johansen (late ...)	7		Cavalier	6	12
Strathroy	9	2	Nansen	7	9	Caledonia	6	12
Le Var	8	13	Nevada	7	8	Maecenas	6	12
Majestic	8	12	War God	7	8	Idle Boy	6	10
Hopscotch	8	8	Woodlark	7	8	Vocalist	6	10
Eastern King	8	8	Flintlock	7	6	Coal Queen	6	10
Hymettus	8	8	Toxteth	7	6	The Rock	6	10
Lee Metford	8	5	Alemene	7	6	Illuminata	6	10
The Clansman	8	2	Cremona	7	4	Delusive	6	8
Clarion	8	3	Como	7	4	Diffidence	6	8
Elusive	8	1	George Frederick	7	4	Alix	6	8
Fitzroy	7	13	Relic	7	2	Carronade	6	7
Allie	7	13	Robin Hood	7	2	Report	6	7
Kallatina	7	12	Influenza	7	0	Tawera	6	7
Reka	7	12	Miss West	7	0	Marathon	6	7
North British	7	11	April Fool	7	0	Bellwood	6	7
Crosslake	7	10	Longford	6	12			
Burleigh	7	9	Wyalong	6	12			

NEWMINSTER PARK YEARLINGS.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Campbell and Sons held a sale of thoroughbred yearlings at the City Horse Bazaar to-day, when the Newminster Park yearlings, bred by Mr. A. S. Chirnside, were brought under the hammer. The 16 lots catalogued were all sold, but the prices were not anything like those given last year. The handsome brown sister to Cordite and a half sister to Hymettus brought the top price of 395 guineas, the purchaser being Mr. Albert Miller, who also secured three cheap lots in a filly by Zalinski from Spinningdale for 20 guineas, a filly by the same sire from Mowerina, 15 guineas, and a filly by Zalinski from Milkmaid, 20 guineas. I. Earnshaw, of Randwick, got a couple of bargains in a colt by Zalinski from The Bee for 25 guineas, and a colt by the same sire from Adage for 57½ guineas. Mr. F. Little, of New South Wales, gave 260 guineas for a fine-looking colt by Bill of Portland from Martini-Henry's sister Forest Queen. A filly by Zalinski from Nemesis was knocked down to Mr. S. Rudduck for 55 guineas, and Mr. Hume, of Albury, paid 45 guineas for a filly by Zalinski from Ouida. Mr. J. Scobie got a bargain in a well-grown colt by Zalinski from Benzine for 90 guineas, and Mr. G. Clements paid a like sum for a colt by Vengeance from Vindex and 35 guineas for a filly by Zalinski from New Star. A gelding by Vengeance from Precedence went to the nod of Mr. A. Taylor for 75 guineas, and for 25 guineas a gelding by Vengeance from Queenie was knocked down to Mr. J. Mills, who also bought for 40 guineas a colt by Zalinski from Queen Bee. Mr. George Collier gave 27½ guineas for a colt by Zalinski from Zuleika, and a two-year-old filly by Eiridspord from The Rejected brought 30 guineas. Malto, a six-year-old gelding by Malua from Lady Vengeance, was sold on account of Mr. P. Chirnside for 175 guineas to Mr. Richards, an Indian buyer. The Newminster Park yearlings realised a total of 1275 guineas, or an average of nearly 80 guineas each.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

There was a good attendance at Kensington yesterday, when pony and galloway races were held. The stewards held an inquiry into the running of Red Rose and Duchess in the Fourteen-one Handicap, and censured P. Kennedy and M. Gueris (owners) and A. Williams and G. Fewings (jockeys). The bay mare Comet and her owner (D. Perkins) were disqualified for a term of 12 months, while the jockey (G. Shepherd) was suspended for a similar period for suspicious running in the Fourteen-three Handicap. Following are the results:—

Trial Welter (15.0) of 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—C. O'Rourke's b g Albion, 6 years, 9st 7lb (A. Williams), 1; T. Merritt's br m Sapphira, aged, 9st (T. Merritt), 2; J. Woods's b m Charley's Aunt, 6 years, 8st (J. Kennedy), 3. Other starters: Silver II., 9st 3lb; Squill Candy, 9st; Crusader, 9st; Anstruther, 9st; Rejected, 9st 2lb, including 4lb over; P.H., 8st 5lb; Drifter, 8st 5lb; Elsie, 8st 3lb; Snowdrop, 8st; Waitrea, 8st. Betting: 3 to 1 each v. Albion and Sapphira, 5 to 1 v. P.H., 6 to 1 each v. Squill Candy and Charley's Aunt, 7 to 1 v. Anstruther. Won by half a length, a length and three-quarters between second and third. Time, 1 minute 1½ second.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs.—M. Guerin's ch m Clare, 4 years, 8st 1lb (J. M'Dougal), 1; P. Kennedy's ch m Lochfair, aged, 7st 5lb (F. Williams), 2; P. Kennedy's ch m Red Rose, aged, 8st 6lb (A. Williams), 3. Other starters: Duchess, 8st 4lb; Retreat, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Clare, 5 to 2 v. Lochfair, 4 to 1 v. Red Rose, 5 to 1 each v. Duchess and Retreat. Won by two lengths, a neck between second and third. Time, 1 minute 7 seconds.

Fourteen-three Welter Handicap of 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—H. J. Robinson's br m Mineral, aged, 8st 4lb (W. Smith), 1; J. Woods's b m The Comet, 6 years, 9st 7lb (G. Shepherd), 2; G. Pett's ch m Maggie, aged, 8st 2lb (J. Allen), 3. Other starters: Maggie May, 8st 7lb; Rainbow, 7st 12lb; Baron, 7st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 each v. Maggie and Comet. Won by five lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 1 second.

Fourteen Hands Welter Handicap of 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—Robertson's ch m Carissima, 6 years, 7st 10lb (W. Evans), 1; E. Smith's b m Selina, 5 years, 7st 7lb (W. Wells), 2; W. Williams's b m Dolly, 5 years, 9st 9lb (J. Clifton), 3. Other starters: Sweet Marie, 8st 13lb; Maveano, 8st 9lb; Sailor, 8st 9lb; The Nun, 8st 5lb; Lady Lovel, 8st 4lb; Kialla, 8st; Coin, 8st; Sweet Talk, 7st 10lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Sweet Talk, 4 to 1 each v. Carissima and Lady Lovel, 5 to 1 v. Selina, 6 to 1 v. Maveano, 8 to 1 v. Kialla. Won by half a length, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 1 minute ½ second.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs.—W. H. M'Cormack's blk or br m St. Mary, 5 years, 7st 3lb (F. M'Guiness), 1; E. James's b g Harold, 5 years, 7st 6lb (F. Neville), 2; C. Gallimore's ch c Acorn, 2 years, 7st (C. Gallimore), 3. Other starters: Zeno, 9st 5lb; Mantle, 7st 10lb; Lioness, 7st 1lb, including 5lb over; Tambo, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Zeno, 3 to 1 v. Harold, 4 to 1 v. St. Mary, 5 to 1 v. Acorn, 8 to 1 v. Lioness. Won by a length, four lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 7½ seconds.

Kensington Handicap (15.0) of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs.—C. Gallimore's blk f Veronica, 3 years, 7st 9lb (C. Gallimore), 1; H. England's b g Mat Sharp, 4 years, 8st 7lb (J. Smith), 2; A. J. Duncan's br h Prairie Boy, aged, 7st (F. Neville), 3. Other starters: Lily, 9st 2lb; Gavot, 8st 5lb; Lyndhurst, 7st 10lb; Mentor, 7st 9lb; Nannie, 7st 8lb; Rat-a-Tat, 6st 8lb; P.H., 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Veronica, 2 to 1 v. Mat Sharp, 7 to 1 each v. Nannie and Lyndhurst. Won by a length, three quarters of a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 18¼ seconds.

ORANGE ANNUAL RACES.

ORANGE, Wednesday.

Following are the results of the first day of the annual races, which commenced to-day:—

Opening Handicap.—Trichord, 9st 5lb, 1; So Di, 7st, 2; Mutineer, 8st 7lb, 3.

Welter Handicap.—Lucknow, 8st 2lb, 1; John Bed, 8st, 2; Satan, 8st 12lb, 3.

Town Plate Handicap.—Zillah, 7st 7lb, 1; Ailie, 9st 12lb, 2; Trichord, 9st 2lb, 3.

Flying Handicap.—Nigger, 8st 5lb, 1; Remember Me, 9st, 2; Gladstone, 8st 3lb, 3.

Federal Stakes.—Mary Teck, 8st 6lb, 1; Glitter, 7st 8lb, 2; Victorine, 7st 7lb, 3.

BRIGHTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The following are the weights for the pony and galloway races to be held at Brighton to-day:—

Trial Stakes (15.0), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—The Queen, 8st 5lb; Crowness, 7st 12lb; Clotho, 7st 9lb; Gevanna, 7st 6lb; Snowdrop, 7st; Kathleen II., 6st 7lb.

Beach Handicap (14.0), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—Dolly, 9st 4lb; Dart, 9st; Sweet Marie, 8st 8lb; Mirth, 8st 4lb; Miss Tobin, 8st 1lb; Selina, 7st 3lb; Felon De Vergy, 6st 7lb.

Tempe Handicap (13.1), 3½ furlongs.—The Charmer, 7st 12lb; Lady Mulgrave, 7st 12lb; Flora, 7st 9lb; Tidal Wave, 7st 9lb; Blue and White, 7st 9lb; Patience, 7st 8lb; Madge, 7st 6lb; Yettonga, 7st 5lb; Mustang, 6st 13lb; Picture, 6st 12lb.

Rockdale Handicap (14.2), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—Nettle, 8st 4lb; Harold, 8st 4lb; Mermaid, 8st 2lb; Lioness, 8st 2lb; Camerton, 7st 8lb; June II., 7st 4lb; Queen May, 7st 1lb; Gang Awa, 6st 7lb.

Brighton Handicap (15.0), 6 furlongs 22 yards.—Ruby K., 9st 8lb; Walter, 9st 1lb; Actress, 7st 9lb; Squill Candy, 7st 4lb; The Queen, 7st; Rejected, 6st 12lb.

ALBURY RACING CLUB.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

The following weights have been declared for the forthcoming Albury Racing Club races:—

Albury Cup.—Surge, 9st 5lb; P.N., 9st; Warwe, 8st 12lb; Wicket, 8st 6lb; Ben, 8st 5lb; The Desert, 8st 4lb; Minestra, 8st 2lb; Alarm Me, 8st; Wisdom, 8st; Burglar, 7st 12lb; Kendall, 7st 9lb; Trilby, 7st 9lb; Cenci, 7st 5lb; Erl Queen, 7st; No Name, 6st 12lb; Hemlock, 6st 9lb; Molly Asthore, 6st 7lb; C.U.L., 6st 7lb.

St. Patrick's Handicap.—Surge, 9st 4lb; P.N., 9st 1lb; Warwe, 8st 13lb; Wicket, 8st 7lb; Ben, 8st 6lb; The Desert, 8st 5lb; Minestra, 8st 3lb; Wisdom, 8st 1lb; Burglar, 7st 13lb; Kendall, 7st 10lb; Trilby, 7st 10lb; Cenci, 7st 6lb; Erl Queen, 7st 2lb; Brown Ribbon, 7st; Molly Asthore, 6st 7lb; C.U.L., 6st 7lb.

Hurdle Race.—Minestra, 11st 4lb; Snorter, 11st 2lb; Alarm Me, 11st 2lb; Austin, 10st 12lb; Haut Ton, 10st 9lb; La Belle, 10st 4lb; Buckingham, 9st 12lb; Bonnie Brook, 9st 10lb; Scandal, 9st 7lb; Winnick Bunker, 9st 5lb; Wee Jim, 9st; Opal, 9st.

MELBOURNE POLO CLUB.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Melbourne Polo Club opened its annual tournament at Mooney Valley to-day in the presence of a large and fashionable attendance, including the Governor and Lady Brassey. The first game, Melbourne v. Caramut ended in favour of Caramut by 11 goals 15 behinds to Melbourne's one goal 5 behinds. During the game H. Osborne, of Caramut, received a nasty blow on the kneecap and had to retire. It will be several days before his knee is right again. The second game, Colac v. Camperdown, was a fine one, and ended in favour of Camperdown by 3 goals 10 behinds to Colac 2 goals 2 behinds.

CRICKET.

AN ENGLISH TEAM FOR INDIA.

RANJITSINHJI TO BE CAPTAIN.

The London "Sportsman" publishes the following telegram from Prince Ranjitsinhji in India:—"Please announce my intention to tour India next winter with an English amateur cricket team." Says that paper:—"This announcement is decidedly interesting, the more so in view of the fact that a visit of a team from India is projected for the summer of 1900. Of course, it is not necessary for a party of the strength required to combat the Australians to be taken out, hence, probably, the determination of the Indian Prince to dispense with the services of paid players. As at present arranged, K. S. Ranjitsinhji will return to England about Easter, after an absence of 18 months, and will assist Sussex this season. He will thus be able to personally arrange the selection of his party, and whilst on tour in the Indian Empire during our close season he will lend his aid in the choice of the side which is to visit this country next year, and of which he has been asked, and, it is said, has consented to act as captain."

The steamship companies' employee's annual cricket match takes place in Melbourne next week. The following, comprising the Sydney representatives, leave Sydney at the end of this week:—Messrs. R. Cook, Pidgeon, Shemwell, Gowland, Titlett, Burns, Winning, Robins, Garland, Little, Hughes (captain), Gibbes, Hayes.

CYCLING.

MEGSON, WALNE, AND JACKSON.

The result of the meeting of Walne, Jackson, and Megson in the recent electric light races has caused a good deal of discussion among the many friends of each of the men. In order that the men may have an opportunity of settling the question of supremacy individually, the league has given sanction for two nights' racing, which is to take place on Monday and Tuesday next, and a programme of other races has been drawn up. Walne is first to meet Jackson over a mile, which is to be decided by the best two out of three races, and the winner is to meet Megson the best two out of three. The events will be paced by a fast tandem, and a limit will be put on each event, so as to ensure a fast run. These races should settle which of the three men is actually the best, and no doubt they will be good, for the jealousy between them is great. As soon as it was known that the league had sanctioned the meeting there was great excitement in the league rooms, and Megson was instantly installed favourite. The Sydney men have great faith in Megson. They will not hear of his defeat at all, though they recognise the speed qualities of Walne and Jackson. Williams, who trains Walne, laughs at the idea of Megson beating his man. "Why," said Williams, "Megson is not in the same street as Walne. Walne is always a careful man, and will not rush through a handicapped field in a reckless manner. But wait till he is in a single-handed contest; the man is not alive in Australia who can beat him. Jackson is a wonderfully good man, but—well, wait and see; we are going to win. That's all." The programme, which is published in another column, gives all particulars. The entries will close to-day, and the handicaps will be issued to-morrow.

CYCLING CARNIVAL AT NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The following are the handicaps for the cycling carnival to be held under the auspices of the Newcastle Branch, N.S.W. League of Wheelmen on Saturday next:—

Second and Third Class Handicap, 1½ mile.—J. H. Rennie, G. A. Campbell, J. Browne, scratch; J. Cliffe, H. Tucker, W. Ternen, 25 yards; J. Moore, E. Eaton, 30; W. Thelan, T. Alsoff, T. Dwyer, A. Denny, A. Cohen, G. R. Cuthbertson, 35; F. M'Lean, W. G. Wakeford, 50; J. Bradbury, W. Gahagen, C. R. Chapman, 55; W. H. Atkinson, J. Wilkie, 60; A. Roberts, R. Gordon, 75; R. Darrell, 80; F. Remfrew, 90; H. Fisher, C. Lynch, J. Campbell, A. Judd, 95; C. Saunders, 100; J. Elliott, 115; C. Harbourne, A. E. Moore, 130; W. Tierney, 170; G. Cowie, 180; A. Quinn, 230; A. Thomas, 260; L. Lawrence, J. Buck, D. Lloyd, J. Parker, 270; C. Power, D. Murray, M. Green, J. Griffiths, 280.

Northern District Championship.—A. F. Chapman, J. H. Rennie, G. A. Campbell, A. Denny, A. Cohen, G. R. Cuthbertson, J. Bradbury, A. Roberts, R. Gordon, C. Lynch, J. Campbell, A. Judd.

Scratch Race, 2 miles.—R. H. Walne, J. Megson, W. M'Donald, W. C. Jackson, F. S. Beauchamp, A. C. Forbes, F. Hunt, A. J. Body, W. Symonds, R. W. Lewis, C. Miller, R. Mutton, Don. Harvison, W. J. C. Elliott, L. Corbett, G. Prince, G. Carpenter, A. F. Chapman.

First-class Handicap, 1½ mile.—R. H. Walne, W. M'Donald, J. Megson, W. C. Jackson, scratch; F. S. Beauchamp, 10; A. C. Forbes, 15; A. J. Body, 20; F. Hunt, 20; W. Symonds, 45; R. W. Lewis, 50; C. Miller, R. Mutton, 60; W. J. C. Elliott, 70; L. Corbett, 75; G. Prince, 80; G. Carpenter, 90; T. Crowell, L. Congdon, F. G. Simpson, A. F. Chapman, 100; A. O'Brien, 115; W. Gahagen, C. R. Chapman, F. M'Lean, W. G. Wakeford, 120; J. Wilkie, J. Bradbury, W. Atkinson, 125; A. Roberts, F. Remfrew, R. Gordon, R. Darrell, 145; H. Fisher, C. Lynch, 150; J. Campbell, A. Judd, 155; J. Elliott, 160; C. Saunders, C. Harbourne, 185; W. Tierney, 255; J. Buck, 260; L. Laurence, C. Power, D. Murray, M. Green, J. Griffiths, W. Horton, W. Harris, G. Proctor, 265.

Newcastle Wheel Race, 1 mile.—R. H. Walne (Queensland), W. M'Donald (W.A.), J. Megson (N.S.W.), W. C. Jackson (Vic.), scratch; F. S. Beauchamp (Vic.), 5; A. C. Forbes (N.Z.), 10; A. J. Body (N.Z.), 15; F. Hunt (N.Z.), 20; W. G. Symmonds (Vic.), 30; R. W. Lewis (Vic.), 35; R. Mutton, C. Miller (N.S.W.), 40; Don Harvison, W. J. C. Elliott, 45; L. Corbett (N.S.W.), 50; G. Prince (N.S.W.), 55; G. Carpenter (Vic.), 60; A. F. Chapman (Newcastle), L. Congdon (Sydney), 65; T. Crowell, 70; F. G. Simpson, A. O'Brien, 75; J. Brown, J. H. Rennie, G. A. Campbell, 85; H. J. Symmonds (Vic.), J. Cliffe, H. S. Tucker, 90; W. Ternen, 100; J. R. Moore, E. Eaton (Vic.), 105; W. Thelan, T. J. Dwyer (Queensland), A. Denny, A. S. Cohen, G. R. Cuthbertson, 110.

THE SUBURBAN BICYCLE CLUB ON TOUR.

GERMANTON, Wednesday.

The members of the Suburban Bicycle Club arrived at 6 p.m., having ridden from Gundagai to-day, 84 miles. The roads were found to be very heavy, and rough travelling. The whole party are riding well and in good health, and they expect to reach Wangaratta (85 miles) to-morrow night, and Melbourne should be reached early on Saturday.

LAWN TENNIS.

A match was played between the Petersham and Atalanta Clubs on the courts of the latter on Saturday, March 4, resulting in a victory for Petersham. Scores:—

Petersham. Atalanta.

A. H. Pile and P. J. Louden v. Oates and Helyer, 5-6, 6-5.

C. Ledger and F. Scott v. Bracken and Clark, 3-6, 6-3.

A. H. Pile and P. J. Louden v. Bracken and Clark, 6-2, 6-3.

C. Ledger and F. Scott v. Oates and Helyer, 6-1, 1-6.

Petersham won by 5 sets 39 games to 3 sets 32 games.

SAILING.

JOHNSTONE'S BAY CLUB.

The monthly general meeting of members of the Johnstone's Bay Sailing Club was held at the clubrooms, Balmain, on Tuesday night, when there was a large attendance of members. A communication was read from the Gosford regatta committee giving particulars of the proposed programme on Easter Monday, and inviting the co-operation of the club. A donation towards the prize fund was received from Mr. Acting Justice O'Connor, one of the club's vice-presidents. A suit of sails, presented by Mr. G. Dingwall, it was decided should be added to the first prize in the 10-footers' race on the 18th instant, when Mr. B. De Groen's gold medal will also supplement the first prize in the 14-footers' handicap. Arrangements were completed for the club's race next Saturday, for prizes presented by the vice-presidents, and the following entries were received:—Keriki, George Ellis; Vigilant, W. Read; Stella II., Fred Doran; Secret, T. Colebrook, sen.; Donnelly, George Holmes, sen.; Kyeewa, A. W. Crane; Thalia, J. Smith; Ira, W. Holmes; Guinevere, R. Green; Miranda, R. Anderson; Our Jack, J. Cronin; Varuna, S. W. Spain; Bronzewing V., T. Gibson; Hiawatha, A. Dendy; Australian, Chris. Webb. Further entries will be received by the hon. secretaries, at the clubrooms, Balmain, to-night.

SYDNEY SAILING CLUB.

This club had a committee meeting on Tuesday evening. The question of admitting boats over 24ft. was discussed, and it was ultimately decided to admit them. Two races were arranged for Saturday, one a best and best, for which Effie, Plover, Sea Foam, and Australian entered, and the other a class B event, limiting the sails to mainsail, jib, and topsail, for which 23 boats entered. Further entries will be received up to 1 p.m. to-day at 132 Pitt-street. The course for these events was fixed as follows:—From Clark Island round lightship, Shark Island, Fort Denison, Shark Island, and back to Clark Island. It was decided to engage a steamer to follow, and those who wish to may land at Clark Island.

PORT JACKSON DINGY SAILING CLUB.

This club met at Saunders' Hotel on Monday evening. Several donations were received. It was decided to close the season's racing with open races for 8ft., 10ft., and 14ft. dingies respectively. Mr. Brooks' trophy was set apart for the 14-footers on the closing day, on which date a steamer is to follow. The close of the season will be celebrated by a picnic on April 15.

SWIMMING.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CARNIVAL.

Another of the schools' carnivals was held yesterday afternoon at Farmer's Baths, Woolloomooloo, when the pupils of the following schools took part:—Cleveland-street (C), Ashfield (A), Sussex-street (S), Darlinghurst (D), Waterloo (W), Gardener's-road (G), William-street (W), Macquarie-street South (M), Ultimo (U), Darlington (D'gton). There was a large attendance, and some excellent racing was witnessed. Amongst those present were Mr. James A. Hogue (Minister for Public Instruction) and Mr. Jacob Garrard. The officials were:—Judges, Messrs. H. Skillman, W. F. Thompson, J. Dawson, M. Willis, J. Conway, J. Saxby, C. Kevin, W. G. Melville, J. Pearson, M. Thompson, J. Cole, and J. Anderson; starters, Messrs. D. A. Frazer and G. R. Chapman; check starters, Messrs. H. Parsons, R. J. Spies, and G. T. Spain; marshals of competitors, Messrs. H. N. Southwell, P. J. Bennett, and T. A. M'Curley; timekeepers, Messrs. W. T. Kerr and C. Walker; result stewards, Messrs. G. Paradise, W. J. Gale, and R. Shields; protest stewards, Messrs. J. Pearson, and W. Woodward; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. G. Wilson; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Moore. The results were:—

William-street Junior, 45 yards.—F. Stoneham, 4 seconds, 1; H. Kaufmann, 4 seconds, 2. Time, 43 2-5 seconds.

William-street Senior, 45 yards.—First heat: R. Hart, 5 seconds, 1; G. Cody, 3 seconds, 2. Time, 37 2-5 seconds. Second heat: F. Hedger, 7 seconds, 1; A. Moon, scratch, 2. Time, 41 2-5 seconds. Final: F. Hedger, 1. Time, 39 1-5 seconds.

Darlinghurst, 45 yards.—First heat: H. Vipond, scratch, 1. Time, 32 seconds. Second heat: J. Levinsohn, scratch, 1; S. Martin, 1 second, 2. Time, 31 1-5 seconds. Final: H. Vipond. Time, 31 3-5 seconds.

Sussex-street, 45 yards.—H. Parrott, scratch, 1. Time, 31 4-5 seconds.

Macquarie-street, 45 yards.—P. Scott, scratch, 1; A. Lavette, 10 seconds, 2. Time, 40 seconds.

Cleveland-street, 90 yards.—C. Corbett, scratch, 1; P. Rosenfeld, 5 seconds, 2; W. Wells, 10 seconds, 3. Time, 1 minute 6 4-5 seconds.

Cleveland-street, 45 yards.—H. Bogan, 3 seconds, 1; R. Walsh, scratch, 2. Time, 37 seconds.

Darlington School Championship, 45 yards.—S. Farey, 1; F. Harris, 2. Time, 37 seconds.

Darlington, 45 Yards Handicap.—T. Scouller, 20 seconds, 1; F. Peters, 5 seconds, 2. Time, 39 3-5 seconds.

Ultimo 22 Yards Handicap.—S. Richards, 1.

Waterloo, 45 yards.—First heat: C. Trin, 2 seconds, 1; J. Kilhan, scratch, 2. Time, 37 2-5 seconds. Second heat: B. Mascord, 2 seconds, 1; P. Papworth, scratch, 2. Time, 47 2-5 seconds. Final: C. Trin, 1. Time, 37 seconds.

Ashfield, Seniors, 45 yards.—A. Cotle, scratch, 1; Cotle, 7 seconds, 2. Time, 34 4-5 seconds.

Ashfield, Juniors, 45 yards.—E. Candle, scratch, 1; F. Stevenson, 10 seconds, 2. Time, 36 3-5 seconds.

Gardiner's-road, Seniors, 45 yards. First heat: G. Jones, 12 seconds, 1; W. Lindsay, 12 seconds, 2. Time, 39 4-5 seconds. Second heat: P. Bowden, 12 seconds, 1; W. Lucas, 12 seconds, 2. Time, 49 3-5 seconds. Final: C. Jones, 1. Time, 44 seconds.

Gardiner's-road, Juniors, 45 yards.—T. Harley, 5 seconds, 1; J. M'Fadyen, 8 seconds, and B. Baronthorne, 8 seconds, dead heat, 2. Time, 53 4-5 seconds.

Distance Age Championship, under 10 years.—S. Martin, 1; P. Cody, 2. Time, 35 seconds.

District Age Championship, 10 years and under 14, 45 yards.—First heat: N. Wells, 1; E. Caudle, 2. Time, 35 seconds. Second heat: C. Corbett, 1; F. Harris, 2. Time, 35 1-5 seconds. Final: C. Corbett, 1; N. Wells, 2. Time, 32 3-5 seconds.

District Age Championship, over 14 years, 90 yards.—First heat: A. Pogonowski, 1. Time, 1 minute 25 3-5 seconds. Second heat: F. Rosenfeld, 1. Time, 1 minute 16 seconds. Final: A. Pogonowski, 1; P. Rosenfeld, 2. Time, 1 minute 9 4-5 seconds.

District Championship, 100 yards.—A. Pogonowski, 1; C. Corbett, 2. Time, 1 minute 15 3-5 seconds.

Dress Race, 45 yards, coat and trousers.—First heat: A. Davis, 1. Second heat: R. Walsh, 1. Third heat: C. Gorton, 1.

Neatest Header.—N. Wells, 1; C. Corbett, 2.

Tub Race.—First heat: J. Pearce, 1. Second heat: R. Walsh. Third heat: C. Gorton. Final: R. Walsh, 1.

Officials' Race.—Henson, 1; Kinnimont, 2.

An exhibition of trick swimming was given by F. C. V. Lane, the champion of a number of distances, and he was much applauded.

MODEL PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CLUB.

GIRL'S DEPARTMENT.

The carnival in connection with the above swimming club took place at Warbrick's Baths, Lavender Bay, yesterday afternoon. The racing was close and exciting throughout. Only girls of the school were allowed the privilege of attending. The following were the officials:—Starter and timekeeper, Mr. Warbrick; judges, Misses Wicht and Kilminster; hon. secretary, Miss A. Browster. The following were the results:—

Beginners' Race, 25 yards.—Miss R. M'Kirdy, 1; Miss R. Peter, 2; Miss R. Walters, 3. A close finish.

Handicap, 33 yards (Juniors).—Miss D. Vos, 1; Miss M. Bradley, 2; Miss K. Dill-Macky, 3. A very close race, the winner gaining her position just on the post.

Handicap, 33 yards (Seniors).—Miss E. Hill, 1; Miss E. Bradley, 2; Miss S. Pugh, 3. A good race.

Championship of Girls' School, 66 yards.—Miss F. Hill, 1; Miss A. Adams, 2; Miss E. Higgins, 3; Miss E. Bradley, 4. This is the third time that the winner has gained this honour.

A successful carnival in connection with the Marist Brothers' Parochial schools eventuated at Hellings's Baths yesterday afternoon. The following gentlemen assisted the Brothers to carry out the programme, viz.:—Rev. Father Kenny, Dr. Roth, Messrs. Beckett, Butler, Johnson, and Birt. The results were:—

School Championships, 50 yards.—St. Mary's, J. Myers; St. Francis', W. Martin; Sacred Heart, J. Henchry; St. Benedict's, A. Maley; St. Patrick's, L. Nolan; North Shore, G. Edmundson.

Neatest Header.—W. Carr.

All Schools' Championship.—L. Nolan.

Under 12 Years.—H. Duggan.

Under 15 Years.—J. Ryan.

Rescue Race.—C. Downey and L. Beckett.

School Derby.—W. Carr.

LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.

As advertised, Surgeon-Captain Reuter E. Roth, principal medical officer of the N.S.W. Life-saving Society is to deliver a lecture on "Respiration and Resuscitation" at the Amateur Sports Club's Room, 23 Rowe-street, city, this evening, at 8 o'clock. Ladies are invited to be present.

FISHING.

At the meeting of the Drummoyne Fishing Club held at the clubrooms, Oxford Hotel, Drummoyne, on Monday last, Mr. Edward Terry, M.L.A., presided, and there were present Messrs. E. Walker, A. Mitchell, S. Willis, F. Dowsett, W. H. Priestly, W. Peat, T. Parton, C. Line, J. Malcolm, J. Scott, J. B. Nicoll, J. Boyle, S. Ireland, F. Wren, O. H. Chidgey, R. Redmayne, W. Fox, M. Ross, and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. B. Fisher). The Storm King was engaged as club steamer for the season. It was decided to forward a collection of fish (the gift of members) from each excursion to the Balmain Hospital. Messrs. J. A. Cash and E. Terry, M.L.A., promised trophies for competition. Several new members were enrolled, and Mr. Thomas Henley offered the free use of the Cary-street wharf, Drummoyne.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CYCLE RACES.

ELLIOTT WINS THE SYDNEY CUP.

M'DONALD AND FORBES TIE FOR THE ORIENT PLATE.

If the attendance last night at the Sydney Cricket Ground is to be taken as a proof of the popularity of cycling, then that sport is still in great regard with the public, for the attendance seemed larger than at any previous gathering. This is, no doubt, due to the excellence of the races, the arrangements, the punctuality with which the races are run off, and the big prizes. Big prizes will always bring the best men, and the best men make good races. It induces men to train and cultivate condition, which is so essential to speed. And when these are exhibited the public are ever ready to accord their patronage and support. The racing last night was most exciting, and pleasing. The way in which Walne led his field and won the first heat of the Chevenix Stakes made the final of that race look very good for him, more especially as he did it in 59 4-5 seconds, but though the final was slower he got blocked, and could not get nearer than fourth, Mutton, Miller, and Carpenter filling the places. The Sydney Cup final as it came on caused a hum of excitement from the crowd. The back mark men paced each other up well. Beauchamp took the first lap, then M'Donald brought them along. Megson took his turn, and finally Jackson. Symonds took them up in the next lap, and then they bunched. When the bell went Megson and Jackson had the best positions, but the pace was terrific. As they came past the members' stand they were all out, Crowell being on the inside. Ten yards from the winning post someone fell. They were all together, and down came Crowell, F. Drinkwater, A. Drinkwater, Jackson, Symonds, and Beauchamp. It would have been a difficult thing to place the men had not the accident happened. Elliott, who steered clear, won from D. Gibson. It was a pity the fall took place so close to the winning post as the race was without doubt the best we have had, and who the winner would have been no one could say. No one was hurt, but Beauchamp's arm was sore. The final of the Orient Plate of 10 miles, with its £60 of prizes, was the last race of the night, and it was indeed an interesting event. The pace was kept up all through, and it gave a great exhibition of the staying powers of the men. The points previously scored were Denning and Jackson 5 points, M'Donald 4, Forbes 3, Lewis 2, and Megson 1. The last lap was a rattling go, and Forbes just won from M'Donald, with Lewis third, and Harvison fourth. This made Forbes and M'Donald 7 points each, being a dead heat for the first prize, and they will have to run off a mile event on Monday night as advertised in another column. Jackson, who did not start, forfeits his points, and Denning takes third place. The following are the details of the racing:—

Chevenix Stakes.—First prize, £7, second prize £2, third prize £1; distance about half a mile, twice round; first man only to start in final. First heat: R. H. Walne (Q.), scratch, 1. Other starters: F. S. Beauchamp (Tas.), 5 yards; F. Hunt (N.Z.), 15; W. J. C. Elliott, 20; J. C. Fitzgerald (Vic.), 30; W. Ternen, 50; O. F. Peterson (Vic.), 60; E. M'Donald, 70; J. A. Campbell, 80. Walne caught Beauchamp in a few yards. At the bell Campbell led by 50 yards. Beauchamp paced Walne right up, Walne winning easily by two lengths. Time, 59 4-5 seconds. Second heat: R. Mutton, 25 yards, 1. Other starters: J. Megson, scratch; A. C. Forbes (N.Z.), 5 yards; R. W. Lewis, 15; L. Corbett, 25; F. W. Howard, 50; H. A. Clarke, 70; H. L. Orr, 80. Forbes paced Megson, while Orr was making the pace fast in the front. At the bell Megson retired, half a lap from home. Mutton won by half a length from Lewis. Time, 60 2-5 seconds. Third heat: C. F. Miller, 20 yards, 1. Other starters: A. J. Berry (Vic.), 25 yards; J. M'Innes, 35; W. Phelan, 50; R. E. Adrian, 55; H. C. Knight, 70; J. Elliott, 80. Miller got going first. At the bell Elliott led, while the field was bunched. Miller made his effort half a lap from home, and won easily. Time, 61 3-5 seconds. Fourth heat: D. Harvison, 20 yards, 1. Other starters: A. E. O'Brien, 35 yards; G. A. Campbell, 40; E. E. Eaton (Vic.), 50; R. Darrell (Vic.), 60; R. S. Pinkerton, 65; J. Williams, 70. Harvison caught his field early, M'Donald getting a bad push-off, and retiring. Harvison won by three lengths. Time, 61 3-5 seconds. Fifth heat: G. Carpenter (Vic.), 25 yards, 1. Other starters: J. R. Denning (Vic.), 20 yards; W. S. M'Coombe, 35; H. S. Tucker, 45; J. R. Moore (Vic.), 50; Willis, 65; G. W. Wynne, 70; A. E. Kerr (W.A.), 80. Tucker led at the bell, with Denning last. Half a lap from home Denning came round on the outside, but Carpenter flashed out, winning by a couple of lengths from Denning. Time, 59 4-5 seconds. Sixth heat: L. Congdon, 30 yards, 1. Other starters: E. Payne, 25 yards; H. R. Symonds (Vic.), 40; F. A. Prowse, 55; C. E. Griffiths, 60; W. Matterson, 65; W. Hynes, 70; A. G. Roberts, 75; S. B. Orr, 80; P. Rundle, 85. Payne caught Congdon in a few yards. At the bell Rundle led, Payne last. A good race home resulted in a victory for Congdon. Time, 60 3-5 seconds. Seventh heat: J. Rennie, 50 yards, 1. Other starters: T. J. Dwyer, 55 yards; F. M'Lean, 60; G. R. Whitehead, 65; J. Richardson, 70; A. Boyd, 75; Keegan, 80; J. E. Close, 85; G. Prudames, 95; W. Hock Shung, 100. Hock Shung went away fast, and led at the bell, but 30 yards further on he was caught. Rennie won by a length from Dwyer. Time, 60 seconds. Eighth heat: C. S. Orr, 70 yards, 1. Other starters: F. A. Taylor (Vic.), 40 yards; J. Brown, 40; G. R. Cuthbertson, 55; C. R. Chapman, 65; F. J. Renfrey, 70; H. Anderson, 80; J. H. Stuart, 100; J. Buck, 135. Buck had a lead of 30 yards at the bell. Buck was not caught until a few yards from the post. Orr won by a length. Time, 60 2-5 seconds. Final: R. Mutton, 25 yards, 1; C. Miller, 20 yards, 2; G. Carpenter, 25 yards, 3. Other starters: Walne, scratch; Harrison, 20 yards; L. Congdon, 30; J. Rennie, 50; C. Orr, 70. Walne caught Miller and Harvison in about 30 yards. At the bell Orr led, with Rennie on his wheel. A magnificent race home gave Mutton the verdict by inches from Miller, with Carpenter close up third and Walne fourth. Time, 60 4-5 seconds.

Sydney Cup.—First prize, £25, second prize £15, third prize £5, fourth £1. Distance about 2 miles, six times round. Final heat: W. J. C. Elliott, 85 yards, 1; D. Gibson, 120 yards, 2; F. G. Simpson, 155 yards, 3. Other starters: J. Megson, scratch; W. C. Jackson (Vic.), scratch; F. S. Beauchamp (Tas.), 15 yards; W. M'Donald (W.A.), 20; W. G. Symonds (Vic.), 70; J. Crowell, 150; F. W. Drinkwater, 185; J. E. Cliffe, 205; A. H. Drinkwater, 235. This was undoubtedly one of the finest handicap races yet seen on the ground, until the spill occurred. A. H. Drinkwater, Cliffe, Gibson, and F. Drinkwater got together early. M'Donald paced the backmarkers at the jump, Megson, Beauchamp, and Jackson all taking their turn. The field was now in two divisions. In the third lap Jackson gained a lot of ground for the back-markers. In the fourth lap Symmonds put in a great sprint, and paced the scratch men up. At the bell Crowell led. A little further on M'Donald went to the front, with Beauchamp and Jackson on his wheel. The finish looked to be between the four back men, but a few yards from the post a bad spill occurred, Beauchamp, Jackson, Crowell, and M'Donald falling, allowing Elliott to win without opposition by a length from Gibson, with Simpson third. No one was injured. Time, 4 minutes 21 seconds.

Biladima Stakes.—First prize, £12, second prize, £3; third prize, £2; distance about 1 mile, three times round; first two men to start in final.—First heat: H. S. Tucker, 90 yards, 1; R. W. Lewis, 35 yards, 2. Other starters: J. M'Innes, 70 yards; J. Brown (Vic.), 80; H. Harris, 100; C. E. Griffiths, 110; A. Bucci (Q.), 120; E. M'Donald, 130; H. A. Clarke, 140; A. E. Keir (W.A.), 150. Keir got away fast. In the second lap the field was bunched. At the bell Keir led. A good race home gave Tucker the verdict from Lewis. Time, 2 minutes 9 4-5 seconds. Second heat: G. Carpenter (Vic.), 55 yards, 1; C. Miller, 35 yards, 2. Other starters: A. C. Forbes (N.Z.), 10 yards; L. Corbett, 45; A. E. O'Brien, 70; P. Alissoff, 80; J. R. Moore (Vic.), 95; C. R. Chapman, 120; A. Keegan, 150. Forbes got off his mark exceptionally fast. In the second lap the field was bunched, and the pace slowed. Just before the bell went the pace livened. A splendid race home resulted in victory for Carpenter, with Miller second. Time 2 minutes 27 4-5 seconds. Third heat: R. Mutton, 45 yards, 1; L. Congdon, 60 yards, 2. Other starters: J. Megson, scratch; D. Harvison, 40 yards; W. S. M'Coombe, 75; F. W. Drinkwater, 85; W. G. Wakeford, 110; R. S. Pinkerton, 120; R. Darrell, 130. Megson put in a great run in the first lap and caught Harvison and Mutton. Drinkwater was making most of the pace. In the second lap the field bunched. At the bell Darrell led. Mutton beat Congdon by half a length. Megson retired 100 yards from the post. Time, 2 minutes 10 2-5 seconds. Fourth heat: A. J. Berry (Vic.), 55 yards, 1; J. Crowell, 75 yards, 2. Other starters: W. G. Symonds (Vic.), 30 yards; E. Payne, 45; J. Cliffe, 90; T. J. Dwyer, 110; J. Elliott, 160; J. H. Stuart, 190. At the pistol Stuart and Elliott went away fast. In the second lap the pace slowed. Dwyer led at the bell. Berry put in a fine sprint and won by a length from Crowell. Time, 2 minutes 10 2-5 seconds. Fifth heat: E. E. Eaton (Vic.), 100 yards, 1; J. Rennie, 90 yards, 2. Other starters: J. R. Denning (Vic.), 40 yards; W. J. C. Elliott, 45; F. G. Simpson, 75; O. F. Petersen (Vic.), 120; A. Drinkwater, 120; W. Matterson, 135; F. J. Renfrey, 151; J. Buck, 275. Denning got off his mark very slowly, and Elliott cleared out from him. In the second lap Buck led by 50 yards, while the rest of the field had bunched. Just before the bell rang Buck was caught. A very fast run landed Eaton the winner by three lengths from Rennie. Time, 2 minutes 4 4-5 seconds. Sixth heat: J. A. Campbell, 160 yards, 1; F. M'Lean, 115 yards, 2. Other starters: H. R. Symonds, 75 yards; W. P. Phelan, 100; R. E. Adrian, 100; G. R. Whitehead, 125; C. H. Davis, 150; J. E. Close, 165; Stan. Fallick, 170. The field bunched in half a lap. When the bell rang announcing the last lap Close had the lead. Half a lap from home racing started in earnest, Campbell winning by half a length. Time, 2 minutes 15 4-5 seconds. Final: R. Mutton, 45 yards, 1; R. W. Lewis, 35 yards, C. Miller, 35 yards, dead heat. Other starters: A. Berry, 55 yards; G. Carpenter, 55; L. Congdon, 60; J. Crowell, 75; H. Tucker, 90; J. Rennie, 90; E. Eaton, 100; F. M'Lean, 115; J. Campbell, 160. Campbell waited, and in a lap the field was bunched, owing to the front markers not taking advantage of their handicaps. Half a lap from the bell Eaton sprinted to the front. Racing started half a lap from home, and, after a slashing finish, Mutton was returned the winner by half a length from Lewis and Miller, who dead-heated for second place. Time, 2 minutes 13 4-5 seconds.

Orient Plate. Third distance, ten miles, about 33 times round.—A. C. Forbes, 1; W. M'Donald, 2; R. W. Lewis, 3; Don. Harvison, 4. Other starters: A. J. Body, F. Hunt, J. R. Denning, W. G. Symonds, L. Corbett, J. Megson, R. Mutton, C. F. Miller. Jackson was a non-starter owing to his spill in the final of the Wheel Race. Much of the public interest was, therefore, taken out of the race, as Jackson was leading in points. The field got away to a good start, Hunt making the pace a cracker, with Megson on his wheel. Corbett next took a turn at pacing while Denning moved up. Symonds paced in the fourth lap. Megson was now lying ninth, with the field strung out in Indian file. In the eighth lap Forbes was lying third last. In the ninth lap Symonds tried to bolt but failed. In the fourteenth lap Megson put in a fast sprint and hastened the pace. In the sixteenth lap Megson again sprinted out, and Symonds gave up. In the twentieth lap the pace slowed slightly. In the twenty-second lap Megson fell back last. The positions of the field remained almost the same until the thirty-first lap, when Body took Forbes and Megson to the front at a terrific pace. At the bell Corbett led. A magnificent race home resulted in victory for Forbes, with M'Donald second, and Lewis third. Time, 24 minutes 47 seconds.

The final placings for the Orient Plate, with its prizes of first £35, second £6, and third £3, are as follows:—A. C. Forbes, W. M'Donald, 7 points, dead heat; J. Denning, 5 points, 3; R. W. Lewis, 4 points, 4. The five-miles distance was run on February 25, Denning scoring 4 points, Forbes 3, Jackson 2, and Megson 1. The one-mile distance was contested on March 1, M'Donald scoring 4 points; W. C. Jackson, 3; R. W. Lewis, 2; and J. R. Denning, 1. When the field faced the starter for the final event over 10 miles last night the points scored were: J. Denning, 5; W. C. Jackson, 5; W. M'Donald, 4; A. C. Forbes, 3; R. W. Lewis, 2; and J. Megson, 1. The final event resulted in victory for Forbes, with M'Donald second, and Lewis third. The points scored in the contest were: Forbes, 7; M'Donald, 7; Jackson, 5; Denning, 5; Lewis, 4; Megson, 1; and Harvison, 1. Forbes and M'Donald will have to run the tie dead heat on Monday night, over a distance of one mile.

The two great steam fire engines are depicted throwing streams of water over the Town Hall in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

AMUSEMENTS.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

The Messrs. Macmahon now announce the last four performances of "East Lynne," after which they will terminate their long tenancy of the Lyceum Theatre. There will be a special afternoon representation of the popular emotional drama on Saturday, and in the evening the season will close with a final performance, at which the management will give away a gold watch as a souvenir of the occasion. Every person present will have a chance of gaining the souvenir.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

The City Organist opened his recital yesterday afternoon with Dr. Steggall's setting of Mendelssohn's great chorus "Thanks Be to God," which was so arranged as to form an imposing organ piece. The lighter numbers included such familiar pianoforte music as Rubinstein's "Melody in F" and the Chopin "Valse Lente in A minor," the latter ingeniously treated with flute and reed stops so as to impart the grace and lightness of the original to the organ version. Two changes were made in the programme, Gounod's "Serenade" being substituted for a Mendelssohn "Andante," and Martini's "Gavotte" in place of the one from "Mignon." Mr. Wiegand also played with clearness and facile brilliancy Bach's "Preludium and Fuga in A minor." There will be another recital next Wednesday afternoon.

ENTERTAINMENT AT NORTH SYDNEY.

A successful entertainment was given last night at St. Leonards School of Arts for the purpose of raising funds towards the erection of a presbytery in connection with the Mosman Roman Catholic Church. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was well rendered and much appreciated by the large audience present. Amongst the contributors were—Misses Thompson, Kate Rooney, Millie Wynn, Cannon, Mesdames Henriques, Pearson, Rex, Messrs. J. L. Cosgrove, Percy Bates, St. Julian, M'Crowe, G. E. Stevenson, and Signor Podenzana.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Custom-house.—Entered outwards: March 8, Illawarra, ship, 1887 tons, Captain D. B. Carvosso, for London; Carmanian, ship, 1773 tons, Captain W. H. Bunn, for London; Kadina, s., 2709 tons, Captain H. T. Rose, for Fremantle; Nemesis, s., 1392 tons, Captain L. Thompson, for Fremantle, via ports.

Captain R. Neville reports that the steamer Tarawera arrived at Sydney yesterday. She left Port Chalmers at 5 p.m. the 2nd instant, Lyttelton at 5 p.m. the 3rd, and Wellington at 6 p.m. the 4th, passed Farewell Spit at 2.10 a.m. the 5th, and arrived as above. Experienced fine clear weather with light to moderate S. and S.E. winds and calm to moderate sea throughout.

Captain J. Abram, of the steamer Hawea, reports that on the 6th instant he signalled a large four-masted ship bound north. She reported all well. The vessel is bound from New York.

Captain Boulden reports that the steamer Coraki crossed the Manning bar at 4 p.m. on March 7, and arrived in port at 6 a.m. on March 8. Experienced light easterly winds and smooth sea.

The 1899 register of the German Lloyd shows that that company has now 105 agents and 180 surveyors located in the most important seaports of the world. Among others, 52 are in German, 35 in British, 20 in Asiatic, 30 in American, and 18 in Australian ports. The register contains the names of 4076 vessels, including all German steam and sailing vessels measuring more than 50 register tons net.

Captain J. Abram reports that the steamer Hawea left Lyttelton on the 2nd instant at 5.30 p.m., and arrived in Sydney on the 8th. Experienced light westerly wind, with fine weather.

Captain W. B. Nelson, of the Electra, reports crossing the Richmond bar at 5.45 a.m. on the 7th, and arrived in Sydney at 2 p.m. on the 8th.

Captain H. Hoare comes out this voyage in command of the Orient line steamer Austral.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson have been advised that the barquentine Coquette arrived at Napier on the 6th instant from Newcastle, after a passage of 15 days. The same firm have also been advised of the arrival of the Norwegian barque Susanne at Port Chalmers from Port Stephens.

Mr. Justus Scharff has advice that the German barque Victoria, now on the way to Santos from Hamburg, will, after discharging at the former port, come on to Sydney in ballast to load general cargo for Jaluit, afterwards loading copra for Europe.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ourah is due at Albany from London on her maiden voyage.

The R.M.S. Jumna, from Brisbane January 14, arrived at Suez on the 7th instant.

The R.M.S. Aorangi, from Vancouver, is due at Sydney to-morrow.

The R.M.S. Mariposa, for San Francisco, sails hence on Wednesday next at noon—not Monday, at 4 p.m., and from Circular Quay, not from the Margaret-street Wharf.

Captain H. Hoare has been appointed to the command of the Orient liner Austral this voyage.

The R.M.S. Victoria sails for Sydney from Melbourne to-day. She is due here at 7 a.m. on Saturday, at Circular Quay P. and O. Wharf.

VOYAGE OF THE R.M.S. VICTORIA.

The P. and O. Company's Victoria, in command of Captain E. Crewe, leaves Melbourne to-day for Sydney. The Victoria anchored at Largs Bay on the 5th ultimo after another enjoyable, if uneventful, passage from England. She left London on January 20, and experienced fine weather across the Bay of Biscay, calling at Gibraltar on the 30th, and proceeded thence with similar weather to Marseilles. Here she embarked the overland passengers, and left on February 2 with every berth occupied. Rainy weather was met with to the Straits of Messina, which somewhat interfered with the sports and dances; but from there to Port Said the weather was all that could be desired. The company's steamer Isis brought the mails from Brindisi, and, after embarking in all 2500 bags, the Victoria continued her voyage to the Canal and down the Red Sea, arriving at Aden on the evening of the 12th February. Here the Clyde was waiting to take on the Indian mails and passengers, and after a stay of six hours the voyage was continued. On the run to Colombo there were the usual sports, &c., culminating on the 7th, in a grand fancy dress ball, which was voted quite the success of the voyage. The company's Chusan took on the China mails and passengers, and the Victoria left Colombo on the 20th ultimo, carrying fine weather with her till the S.E. trades were picked up in lat 10° S. These proved to be rather stronger than usual which delayed her arrival in Albany until 8 p.m. on the 2nd instant, and after a stay of five hours she proceeded on her voyage across the bight. Experienced fine weather to Largs Bay.

THE UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S LINE.

The Wanaka leaves Newcastle to-day for Lyttelton.

The Hawea leaves Sydney to-night for Lyttelton, via Newcastle.

The Mararoa is due to-day from Hobart, and sails at 1 p.m. on Saturday for Wellington.

The Kini leaves Devonport to-morrow for Sydney.

The Taieri left Hobart last night for Kembla.

The Rotokino arrived at Wellington yesterday from Sydney, via Newcastle.

THE GERMAN AUSTRALIAN LINE.

The steamer Meissen, of the above line, left Port Elizabeth on the 1st instant for Melbourne and Sydney.

The steamer Elbing leaves Sydney on Tuesday next for Antwerp and Hamburg, via ports.

The steamer Essen left Fremantle on Tuesday last in continuation of her voyage from Antwerp to Adelaide.

ARCHIBALD CURRIE LINE.

Messrs. Cowlishaw Brothers, representatives of the above line of steamers, are expecting the Arrus in a few days via Melbourne. Captain M'Donald reports that Singapore was left on February 10, and Sumarang on the 15th. Bali Straits were cleared on the 17th, and fair weather prevailing Cape Leeuwin was rounded on February 25, the vessel arriving off Williamstown at daylight on Saturday last. She has a large cargo of Eastern produce, including 368 tons of rice and 350 tons of kapok.

THE TYSER LINE

The steamer Leitrim, which is coming from New York, via Melbourne, to Sydney, is under charter to the Tyser line, and is expected here in a few days. The steamer has a large cargo of general merchandise for Melbourne and Sydney. She was built by Swan and Hunter, on the Tyne, in 1896, and is of 4284 tons gross tonnage, her dimensions being as follows:—Length, 382ft.; breadth, 48ft. 6in.; depth of hold, 30ft. 4in. Captain Mogleston, who has charge, reports that London was left on January 10, heavy S.W. gales being encountered thence to Cape Finisterre, where the elements moderated. A call was made at Las Palmas on the 20th for bunker coal, and fine weather prevailing as the voyage was resumed, the vessel passed the equator on January 28, and rounded the Cape of Good Hope on February 8, in lat. 36° S. A week later strong westerly winds, accompanied by heavy rain, set in, the easting being shaped between the parallels of 45° and 46°. On February 23 the steamer was called upon to contest a very severe W.N.W. gale, which raised immense seas, and afforded a good opportunity for the display of her sea-going qualities. The Leeuwin was passed on February 25, in lat. 44 S., and thereafter till arrival at Melbourne on the 3rd instant the Leitrim was favoured by fair winds.

THE ATLANTIC CANADIAN MAIL CONTRACT.

The Canadian mail contract has been secured by the Allan line, in conjunction with the Dominion line. During the coming season two new and fast steamships will be added to their Montreal service, capable of steaming 16 knots an hour, in addition to the Castilian, now ready to leave the yard of Messrs. Workman, Clarke, and Co., Belfast. They are the Tunisian and Bavarian, one of which will be ready in May. The Parisian, belonging to the same line, which is well known in the Canadian trade, left the Mersey for the Clyde to receive new engines and boilers of a higher power, in addition to other improvements, which will take until July next to complete. It is interesting to note that the Parisian has completed her one hundred and forty-seventh round voyage, having carried to and from Canada 121,501 passengers, and travelled no fewer than 832,621 miles. When it is considered that the Dominion line also possesses a fleet of modern built and speedy vessels, it is unlikely that the Canadian Government will have much to desire in regard to a faster mail service, or that the present contractors need anticipate serious competition when the time for its renewal comes round.

NEW CALEDONIAN SHIPPING.

The French steamer Saint Louis is expected at Sydney about the 11th or 12th of this month, from Noumea, with 1200 tons copper ore.

The French steamer France, after receiving a thorough overhaul at Mort's Dock, will be taken for a trial trip on Friday, and on Saturday she will probably start loading for Noumea.

A SWIFT GERMAN LINER.

The Deutschland, the steamer building for the Hamburg-American line, at the Vulcan yard at Bredow, will be one of the largest passenger steamers yet built. The vessel has a length of 663ft., a breadth of 67ft., and a depth of 44ft. When fully loaded, and her bunkers filled with 5000 tons of coal, the Deutschland will have a draught of 29ft. She will be fitted with two 6-cylinder quadruple-expansion engines, indicating in the aggregate 33,000 h.p. For supplying steam to the engines, 12 compound boilers with eight furnaces each, and four single boilers with four furnaces each will be provided. There will thus be 112 furnaces to feed in the stokeholds of the vessel. The boilers are to work at a pressure of 240lb. The speed contracted for is 23 miles an hour, but it is expected that 25 miles will be reached.

OVERDUE SHIPPING.

At the closing of the mail by the Victoria the following rates were quoted:—The Almida, s., is uninsurable, and the rate on the Prince Edward has advanced to 90 guineas per cent., on the Columbus to 60 guineas per cent., on the Iddesleigh to 60 guineas per cent., on the Owny Belle to 40 guineas per cent., and on the May Flint to 10 guineas per cent. On the Minna Cords, which sailed from Punta Arenas July 31, for U.K., 8 guineas per cent. has been paid; she is an iron barque of 733 tons, formerly the National, built in 1867 at Nantes, and owned by Mr. C. W. Sinning, of Rostock.

WHEAT CHARTERS.

An English report dated the 2nd ultimo, to hand by the English mail ex Victoria, states that quite a number of vessels have recently been fixed to load wheat from Melbourne and South Australian ports. Last week's fixtures, says this report, comprised the Antonie Dowanhill, Peter Iredale, Robert Duncan, from Melbourne or Geelong, and the Monkbarns and Travancore from South Australia or Hobson's Bay. The four first-named are bound to Melbourne direct with timber and general cargo, and the last two are on route from Capetown in ballast. Other vessels similarly placed are treating and will most likely be placed shortly. Most, if not all, the tonnage which is thus being provided for in the colonies would, in all probability, have been headed to the Pacific Coast, via Newcastle, N.S.W., and as the quantity of case oil afloat from America to the far Eastern ports is small, owing to recent fixtures in the market, it looks very much as if the available supply of grain tonnage at San Francisco and the Northern ports for new crop shipments will be very moderate, in the early part of the season at all events, and owners having tonnage in position should be chary of fixing ahead at present rates.

SALES OF SHIPPING.

The Mount Carmel, iron ship, 1586 tons, sold to Italians for £8250. She was built in 1883.

The sale is advised of the four-masted steel barque Trade Winds, 2132 tons net register, about 4400 tons deadweight, built by Messrs. Ramage and Ferguson, Leith, in 1891. She was bought by Messrs. D. H. Watjen and Co., Bremen, for £19,000, and will be renamed Magdalene.

The steel ship Naworth Castle, 1799 tons register, built by Messrs. W. Pickersgill and Sons in 1893, which was recently purchased by Messrs. Gracie, Beazley, and Co., for about £12,000, is reported resold to foreigners for £13,250.

The screw steamer Maitland, 149 tons register, has just changed hands, having been purchased by the Melbourne Steamship Company, Limited, for the Hobson's Bay and coasting trade. The Maitland before being put into commission will receive a thorough overhaul, both as regards machinery and hull, at the company's engineering works, Williamstown, to entitle her to classification at Lloyd's.

CHARTERS.

Lord Elgin, barque, 1479 tons, Hamburg to Port Pirie—Coke.

Helen Denny, barque, 728 tons, Kaipara to Sydney—Timber.

Coquette, barquentine, 214 tons, Kaipara to Sydney—Timber.

Hecla, ship, 1435 tons, Newcastle to San Francisco—Coal.

Cupica, barque, from London to New Zealand—General.

Ellora, barque, from Newcastle to Panama—Coal.

Augusta, barque, from Albany or Fremantle to United Kingdom or Continent.

Senator Versmann, barque, from London to Brisbane—General.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

Bracadale, four-masted barque (KLWQ), from London—88 days.

Buccleuch, ship (KBJV), from Liverpool—62 days.

Firth of Stronsa, barque (JTPW), from Glasgow—49 days.

J. P. Brown, ship (JQHS), from Chemainus—71 days.

Kornmo, barque (JBSN), from Valparaiso—46 days.

Wachusett, ship (JTCS), from Port Blakeley, via San Francisco—76 days.

For NEWCASTLE.

Amiral Troude, barque (HFVQ), from Table Bay—42 days.

Avonia, barque (KJHB), from Table Bay—41 days.

Bermuda, four-masted barque (NCKE), from Table Bay—42 days.

Earl of Dunmore, four-masted barque (MPGK), from Rio Janeiro—59 days.

Falconhurst, ship (HRJK), from Rio Janeiro—66 days.

Magda, barque (KJVC), from Table Bay—35 days.

Springburn, four-masted barque (MLGV), from Table Bay—35 days.

HOME AND FOREIGN ARTICLES.

Ships' articles, the official agreements signed by seamen, and upon which their rate of pay is declared, are of two kinds—the home and the foreign going. In the intercolonial trades (or home trades) the rate of pay is higher than it is in the foreign trades. Thus arose the Egremont Castle dispute, which is thus referred to in an English shipping paper of the 2nd ultimo:—"In September last three engineers of the Egremont Castle, of Liverpool, were charged at Sydney, New South Wales, with wilful disobedience to lawful commands in refusing to continue in the Australian coasting trade at the rate of wages paid in England, where they joined. On the vessel's arrival at Sydney she was chartered for the inter-provincial trade and was put on the New South Wales register. The Court directed that each man should forfeit 10 days' pay, and that they should amongst them make up five guineas costs. Urged on by the union the men appealed on the ground pretext that by the ship being put on the Australian register they became liable to the above penalty, whereas by the British Act, under which they shipped, they would only be liable to a forfeiture of two days' pay. The real object of the appeal appears to have been, if possible, to justify the men in declining to go into the Australian coasting trade except at the current rate, which under union manipulation has become almost double that paid for deep sea voyages. The appeal came before three judges at Sydney in the latter part of November. The Judges found against the three men, and the registration in N.S.W., they said, did not increase the risks under the contract; the risks remained practically the same, and it was never contemplated that because of the colonial registration alone seamen could lawfully disobey orders. Other engineers on board who resisted the badgering of the local unionists and remained loyal to the ship and their engagement will, it is understood, as in a previous case in the same service, receive a liberal bonus on the expiration of the charter and the vessel's arrival home." The vessel left Newcastle on the first of last month for Manilla.

THE REAPER.

The wooden-built clipper ship Reaper, in wholesome looking order, one of the American sailers launched at Bath, in the State of Maine, 23 years ago, arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She is 1358 tons, and has a full fine Francisco cargo, inclusive of a large quantity of flour. Captain Young reports making a 63 days' passage. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. J. J. Falk and Co., and will discharge her cargo at the Grafton Wharf, whither she proceeds this morning.

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THE DOCTRINE OF THE REAL PRESENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to point out a fact which does not appear in your notice of my lecture on the above subject, viz., that it is to the "declaration on kneeling" at the end of the "Order for the administration of the Lord's Supper," which was first inserted in 1552, that I referred as illustrative of the twofold sense of the word "real." Also please correct a printer's error in the quotation from Bishop Andrewes, which ends thus: "If a host could be turned into Him now glorified as He is, it would not serve; Christ offered is it."

I am, &c., MERVYN ARCHDALL.

Bavaria can boast of 28 pencil factories, which employ 10,000 people, including men, women, and children. Together they produce no fewer than 4,000,000 black and 300,000 coloured pencils per week. The total output last year reached the enormous quantity of 230,000,000 pencils, in the manufacture of which over 1800 acres of cedar were used.

The departure of the hundred Lancers for England is well illustrated in the current number of the "Mail."—Advt.

Saturday's Racing in Melbourne.—Portraits of Bobadil and Forest appear in the "Mail" of this week.—Advt.

The Departure of Lord and Lady Hampden.—A sketch at the railway station is in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

TO DARKEN GREY HAIR.

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AUSTRALIAN AND IMPERIAL TOPICS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The session of Parliament opens on Tuesday, and the gathering of members is anticipated with more than usual interest. The main lines of the Government are very well known, and if they are closely followed, nothing but a routine session is to be looked for. But everyone knows that it is precisely at those periods when the British Parliament appears to be in its calmest mood that storms are peculiarly apt to arise, and the political atmosphere is quite sufficiently charged with electricity just now to make anything possible. Before the House of Commons sets to work, the Liberal party has to elect a new leader, and it is generally expected that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will be chosen. If this is the case, it is probable that as far as matters of foreign and colonial policy are concerned there will be little change in the policy of the Opposition. Sir Henry is pretty sure to steer a middle course, and his election will have none of the significance which the return of Lord Rosebery as leader of the whole party on the one hand, or the choice of Mr. John Morley as leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons on the other, would have had. Neither, however, will it convey any sense of permanency. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who is one of the most amiable of men as leader in the House of Commons, and Lord Kimberley as leader in the House of Lords, will jog along very comfortably side by side until the general election. But by that time the Liberal party will have to have made up its mind under whose leadership it intends to act definitely, and the situation is full of opportunities for the man who can really grasp the nettle. A very great deal will undoubtedly depend on the development of our colonial relations and the growth of the Imperial sentiment. Much will depend, too, on the attitude of the Liberal electorate in regard to the question of Home Rule, which has undoubtedly undergone a considerable change since Mr. Gladstone's death. Labour questions again are coming more and more to the front. But the merest political tyro must see that the lines of party demarcation which existed in Mr. Gladstone's time are vanishing, and that the fight when it comes will be largely on new issues.

As regards the immediate future there is no doubt that we are in for a serious theological controversy, the results of which will make themselves felt directly or indirectly wherever the Anglican Church is a power in the land. It is now plain that in resigning the leadership of the party in the House of Commons Sir William Harcourt had other reasons beside his objection to the increase of armaments and to Mr. Chamberlain's views of foreign and colonial policy. He is a very old enemy of the Ritualistic, or, as he would say, the Romanising movement in the Church of England, and he has forced the matter to the front in an uncompromising fashion. It is significant of the hold which this question has taken on people's minds, and of the tremendous pressure to which Ministers are being subjected, that we have this week had Mr. Balfour himself threatening to leave public life if he is not allowed to follow the dictate of his own conscience. For one thing, he refuses to commit the Government of which he is a member to any further disciplinary legislation, and is willing only to leave the matter in the hands of the bishops. But the enemies of Ritualistic innovation are already everywhere denouncing the bishops as traitors and time-servers because they are not acting with sufficient promptitude and severity. A bill to suppress Ritualistic practices is certain to be brought in when Parliament meets, and then the Government will have to define their position. Then there is another question upon which the Ministerialists are deeply divided. Mr. Balfour has this week spoken out once more strongly in favour of a Roman Catholic University for Ireland. Colonel Saunderson, the leader of the Irish Unionists, has just denounced this as an "incredible piece of fatuous insanity," which, if persevered in, is going to wreck the Government and break up the Unionist party. There is no doubt at all that he has a tremendous backing, even in England. It is only possible to see one result of these quarrels if they go on—I am speaking, of course, of the Ritualistic question, though the other matter has an oblique bearing upon it—and that is the early disestablishment of the Church. I have heard High Churchmen declare again and again of late that if what is known as the Kensit agitation proves successful they will go heart and soul for the separation of the Church and State. It seems extremely probable, too, that we shall see a revival of the educational quarrel in the course of the session.

There are one or two other matters which have indirectly a colonial interest. The Government have apparently, to all intents and purposes, given up the idea of dealing immediately with the matter of old-age pensions, but the question is still attracting a good deal of attention in the constituencies, and it is certain that there will be an attempt to press it to the front. In the matter of local option, too, there is every prospect of a certain amount of pressure being brought to bear on the Government. Sir William Harcourt has personally nailed his colours to the mast in this matter, and in his position of greater freedom and less responsibility he will be able to give the local-optionists in the House an active lead. The Far East party appear at present to be fairly quiet, being on the whole satisfied with the recent developments of Lord Salisbury's foreign policy, but many questions in connection with recent developments of colonial interest—especially those at issue between us and France—are certain to be debated.

Whatever else may be thought of Mr. Chamberlain as Colonial Secretary, no one can deny him the merit of picturesqueness in his appointments. I wrote last week of the striking, and as I am inclined to think hopeful, appointment of Lord Beauchamp as the Governor of New South Wales—an appointment that at one time would probably have been considered impossible on account of his youth. Now we have the case of South Australia, and the feeling, there at all events, is that the Colonial Secretary has once more struck the right note in the choice of Lord Tennyson. There must be thousands of Australians to whom the degrees of our official hierarchy are a closed book, but to whom the name of Tennyson would be an open-sesame to their esteem—for after all, our literature, as we all agree—is in many ways our strongest bond. And there is this to be borne in mind with regard to the late Laureate, that he was one of the earliest, as well as the most potent, of the exponents of the Imperial idea. No doubt he dreamt of something more. In the v[illegible] of his imagination he could see a time w[illegible] and the rumours of wars would be forg[illegible] a great federation of civilised mankind, [illegible] was not an unpractical dreamer, and he believed implicitly in the good results which would follow in a closer union with our colonies, especially with America coming in as a partner. Probably he never expected that his eldest son would live to see the immense strides which have been taken in this direction already, and one cannot help wishing that he himself had lived to record in ringing verse the stirring events of the last few years. However, it is a well-known fact that the present Lord Tennyson shared warmly in his father's enthusiasm for the Imperial idea. In the federation of the Australian colonies themselves, he—following in the footsteps of his father—is understood to be deeply interested.

The Australasian Club had its first conversazione on Tuesday at the Imperial Institute. There was a large gathering, and from a social point of view the entertainment was undoubtedly very successful. Whether the Imperial Institute was the very best place in London for such a meeting may perhaps be questioned. I heard grumbling afterwards in regard to the draughtiness and general discomfort of the place—a criticism which has nothing whatever to do with this particular gathering, as I have heard the same complaints repeatedly in the past. When there is a musical entertainment at the Institute in the winter the performers usually grumble. Sir Horace Tozer, who is the president of the club, received the guests, and, as an indication of the steady growth of the Australian musical colony in London, it is worth noticing it was found easy to have all the artists native-born Australians. Among them were the Misses Griffiths, whom I mentioned last week as having taken part in the proceedings at the Hotel Cecil, in connection with the New South Wales anniversary dinner.

There was also a very interesting gathering at the Royal Colonial Institute on Tuesday night, when Miss Flora Shaw, whose interest in colonial matters and whose literary and journalistic achievements in connection with them are known to everybody, gave an account of her recent journey to the Klondyke goldfields. Miss Shaw had not half as harrowing a tale to tell as some other adventurers in this direction. She had to put up with hard fare—fat pork and beans and so forth—and scant accommodation, but she seems to have got on very well, and to have been very well treated. But in the first place, as she admitted, she was no pioneer, and in the second place, she appears to have met with a remarkable amount of chivalry from the men in whose company she had to make the journey. This bears out what I have heard from other returned explorers, that the accounts of brutality and lawlessness on the way to the goldfields have been greatly overdone. That usually is the case. No doubt the pioneers of the enterprise had a very rough time of it, and where it is one man's life against another's, you do not look for an exhibition of great unselfishness, unless you have to deal with a party of heroes. In every case in the history of our colonial expansion, the first chapter, if it is candidly written, will of necessity contain some passages which one would like to see deleted. Miss Shaw is evidently very hopeful as to the permanent results of the enterprise. She goes so far as to believe that eventually it will add to the habitable territory of Canada two populous districts, each as large in extent as France. That is better than mere gold-getting—as Australians have every reason to know.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

Like most shows held this year that at Tamworth is deficient in entries through the drought. It, however, has brought out prominently choice stock, especially sheep, blood stock, and Ayrshire cattle. The latter are high class. There were poor exhibits of beef cattle. The poultry, farm and dairy, and fruit sections were fairly well filled. There was a fine display of grapes. The pavilions were well filled, and the horticultural tent display was good. Machinery of all kinds form the best collection on the ground and the best seen here. A number of the sheep are very fine, and several will see their way to the sheepbreeders' show.

The awards include —

Horses.—Heavy draught stallion, any age: J. F. Vickery, 1; C. Bridge, 2. Colt, under 2 years: J. F. Vickery, 1. Active farm stallion: E. R. Patterson, 1. Silver medal for best stallion: J. F. Vickery, 1. Mare: T. Pullman, 1; W. G. Chaffey, 2. Pair of plough horses: W. G. Chaffey, 1; A. Matheson, 2. Cattle.—Durham bull: T. Dowe, 1; Peel River Land Company, 2. Cow: Peel River Company, 1; T. Dowe, 2. Ayrshires and Alderney: D. J. Maxwell got all the prizes. Bull, any age or breed: D. J. Maxwell, 1; N. Paton, 2. Pen of three fat Durhams, single ox, and three Durham cows: Peel River Company, 1. Fat cow: W. Cornish, 1. Sheep, housed: P. Mullins got all the prizes. In the unhoused section the Peel River Company and P. Mullins scored well. Lincolns: S. Wiseman got all the firsts and G. H. Wiseman several seconds. Woolbrokers' prize: G. H. Wiseman. Farmers' classes: G. H. Wiseman got all the prizes. Leicesters and Southdowns: J. Chaffey got all the prizes. Fat sheep: J. Chaffey got all the prizes. Pigs, small breeds: T. Pullman, all the prizes. Berkshires: C. Ingall, all the prizes. Best three pigs, any breed: T. Pullman. Dogs—Collie: J. G. Farquharson. Fox-terrier: V. J. Cohen. Wool—Merino: G. H. Wiseman, 1; W. Robson, 2. Lincoln: G. H. Wiseman, 1. Agricultural products—Wheat: J. Jeffrey, 1; R. C. Brown, 2. Seed wheat: H. Farthing, 1; R. C. Brown, 2. Skinless barley: T. Pullman, 1; J. Jeffrey, 2. Large maize: G. H. Wiseman, 1. Small maize: T. Alexander, 1; G. Jacobs, 2. Other variety: G. H. Wiseman, 1. Cob maize: J. Chaffey, 1; S. Jacobs, 2. Lucerne seed: A. Matheson, 1; W. Tung, 2. Lucerne hay: W. J. Peck, 1. Wheaten chaff: R. C. Brown, 1. Lucerne chaff: G. Sims, 1. Separated butter: T. Pullman, 1; R. J. Johnston, 2. Hand dairy butter: J. A. Hall, 1; G. Sims, 2. Cheese: J. A. Hall, 1. Hams and bacon: J. Jess, 1. Potatoes: R. Stone, 1; W. Tung, 2. Collection of vegetables: W. Tung, 1. Fruit: G. Sims, J. Chaffey, T. Wilson, S. Wade, W. Billfeld, and R. C. Brown got the principal prizes. Honeycomb sections: A. J. Pankhurst, 1. Large frames: W. Jacobs, 1; small, W. G. Chaffey, 2. Liquid in jars: E. J. Warner, 1. Bottled: W. G. Chaffey, 1. Granulated: A. J. Pankhurst, 1. Extracted: W. Jacobs, 1. Collection of bees: A. J. Pankhurst, 1. Vehicles: S. Wade, W. Silver, and S. J. Grier got the principal prizes. White and red wine: W. Billfeld, 1. In poultry J. Chaffey, T. C. Hayne, W. Eveleigh, W. D. Dowe, S. Wade, J. C. Steel, R. Brown, R. Pryor, T. J. Treloar, J. W. Coupland, D. Carter, G. Sims, Mrs. G. Cooke, Thomas Cooke, jun., C. R. Adams, and Mrs. Prime got first awards.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

The show was continued to-day. The attendance was large, £106 being taken at the gates, establishing a record. The champion high jumping contest was won by Morgan's Napoleon (Toowoomba) clearing 6ft. 3in.; Orell's Frisco was second. Ladies' hunters, Mrs. Stace got first and second prizes with Garvan's Young Highlander and her own horse Bonnie Boy. She also gave an exhibition of high jumping, clearing 6ft. with Frisco. Heavy-weight hunters: Young Highlander, 1; Hoskins's Bon Ton, 2; Morgan's Napoleon, 3. Four-in-hand: Mr. Everett.

THE FISCAL POLICY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Considerable harm is being done by statements that federation must be accompanied by a system of high customs taxation, either protective or revenue yielding; statements, moreover, which can only be made in ignorance of the conditions imposed by the Constitution Bill. For these conditions, financial and political, are such that they must provoke strong and probably irresistible tendencies in the opposite direction. Permit me to explain, and to show the financial position first.

The revenue and expenditure to be transferred to the Commonwealth by the five States which probably will enter the federation (Western Australia excluded) amount to £7,929,000 and £3,076,000 respectively. In round figures the deficit thus created in the State treasuries is, therefore, £4,850,000. The expenditure of the Commonwealth will be about £1,750,000 a year, and these two sums, making a total of £6,600,000, form the financial requirements of the Commonwealth and States. The first question which arises is, Can a sum be raised from customs and excise sufficient to meet these requirements? The answer must be that it is impossible under the Federal Constitution. For the latter provides that during five years at least the revenue from customs and excise raised in each State shall be returned to such State, less its quota of federal expenditure. Consequently, the surplus of a financially stronger State cannot be applied in reduction or extinction of the deficits of financially weaker States. A tariff yielding £6,000,000 returning to New South a sum largely in excess of its deficit would fail to cover the deficits of the other States by this exact amount. A tariff which would enable the Federal Treasury to return to Tasmania a sum equal to her deficiency would yield a surplus to each of the other States, yet would be the only means of meeting all requirements from customs and excise. The revenue required would be over £12,000,000, and as the total revenue now raised by the five States from foreign goods and excise is under £5,000,000, the utter impossibility of raising from this source a revenue equal to requirements is obvious. Moreover, experts seem to be agreed that the largest revenue which can be derived from a federal tariff is £6,000,000, and that this sum would require revenue taxes of from 15 to 20 per cent. to be placed on all or nearly all articles of daily consumption. A protective tariff, excluding some of these goods by higher duties and admitting others free of duty could yield no more than £5,250,000, whereas a freetrade tariff, falling upon intoxicants and narcotics alone, would yield about £4,000,000.

Under any circumstances and whichever system of tariff taxation may be chosen, some direct taxation will, therefore, be necessary. As the Braddon clause confines the Commonwealth to the expenditure of one-fourth of the tariff revenue, while making no such limitation with regard to revenue raised by direct taxation, the Commonwealth, as well as the financially weaker States, must have recourse to this system of raising revenue. Moreover, from this source alone can the weakest State, Tasmania, be assisted by the Commonwealth, should it be decided, as is most likely, to do so.

The question therefore arises what are the amounts which must be raised in direct taxes under the three possible tariff systems above indicated. Careful calculations furnish the following approximate result:—

Tariff.	Tariff Revenue.	Necessary Revenue from Direct Taxation.	Return to N.S.W. of Revenue in Excess of her Requirements.
Revenue tariff	£6,000,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Protective tariff	5,250,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Freetrade	4,000,000	[illegible]	[illegible]

The above table shows that New South Wales alone of all the colonies will escape any direct taxation for State purposes, and that the Customs revenue to be returned to her will exceed by the amounts stated her contribution to the direct and indirect taxation which the Commonwealth may impose. In all the other States direct taxation for State purposes in addition to direct federal taxation is inevitable under any form of tariff taxation which may be adopted.

The people, therefore, have no choice. They must pay direct taxes, and the only question which they can decide is, whether they will pay such taxes in addition to a large taxation through Customs or in substitution for the same. I venture to predict that the great majority will favour the lesser evil, and that, therefore, a freetrade tariff has the best chance of acceptance.

This probability is confirmed by political considerations. The farming community is deprived of all possibility of protection by the abolition of intercolonial duties. Wool, stock, butter, potatoes, onions, and other farm produce cannot be sent to Australia from foreign countries, nor can wheat as long as Australia, as a whole, has an exportable surplus. A general scarcity throughout the Continent is not likely to occur once in 50 years, and as a consequence duties on foreign wheat and other farm produce would be sham duties. Hence it is not to be expected that the farmers will protect city manufacturers at their own expense and to the increase of direct taxes as well, when the constitution prohibits all protection to them for all time.

The working classes as well as the farmers are absolutely inimical to a revenue tariff. If such a tariff is to yield £6,000,000 sugar, tea, cotton dress goods, kerosene, wheatbags, and numerous other articles of everyday consumption would have to be made dutiable at high rates. Sooner than submit to this depreciation of their wages, the working-classes will adopt the freetrade tariff, and the farmers may also be relied upon to prefer this alternative.

Hence financial and political considerations all point in the direction of the adoption by the Commonwealth of a tariff such as exists in this colony. The people of New South Wales can adopt the amended Constitution Bill without fear of a return to the protective system. On the contrary, they can look forward with confidence to the adoption by the Commonwealth of the system of taxation which has ensured our prosperity in spite of the most disastrous drought which the country has ever endured.

I am, &c.,
FREETRADER.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.

BANCO COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

Moore v. Australia Hotel Company, Limited (part heard).

Mr. Wise, Q.C., and Mr. Pring, instructed by Messrs. Hughes and Hughes, appeared for the defendant company, and moved, on leave reserved, to make absolute a rule nisi for a new trial. Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., and Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by Messrs. Laurence and M'Lachlan, appeared for the plaintiff to show cause. The action, which was heard before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four on November 24 last, was brought by the plaintiff, Hugh Edwin Moore, against the Australia Hotel Company to recover compensation for alleged breach of agreement appointing plaintiff manager of the hotel for 10 years from May 10, 1891, at a salary of £1041 13s 4d, and after the first year and for the remainder of the term a commission of 5 per cent. up to a certain amount on the net profits made by carrying on the hotel. Plaintiff also complained that the defendants had not paid the commission agreed upon. Defendants paid £350 into court as being sufficient to meet the plaintiff's claim, and pleaded that no profits were made in carrying on the hotel for the period sued for. A verdict was returned for the plaintiff in the sum of £3149 17s 10d, leave being reserved to defendant company to move the Full Court to have the verdict entered for them, or to reduce the amount of damages. The case largely turned upon the interpretation of the agreement between the parties, and Mr. Justice Owen gave certain formal rulings on this and other documents. Defendants now appealed mainly on the grounds that the rulings of his Honor were erroneous, and that the damages were excessive.

The arguments, which were commenced yesterday, were now resumed and concluded.

Mr. Justice Owen said that under the agreement the company agreed to pay Mr. Moore a salary of £1041 13s 4d per annum, and he was to be allowed board and lodging for himself, family, and servant. Then the agreement went on: "And after the first year, and during the remainder of the said term of 10 years, the company shall pay to the said Hugh Edwin Moore by way of further salary a commission of 5 per cent. on the amount of net profits of the company made out of the carrying on of the said hotel during such time as the said hotel shall be carried on by the said company, provided always that the amount of such commission does not exceed £1000 per annum for the first five years and £1500 per annum for the second five years." Then it provided that the salary should commence from May 1, 1891, and be paid monthly, and that the commission should be paid half-yearly immediately after the half-yearly accounts of the hotel should have been made up and adopted by the company. Now, in the first place, it was contended that the words he had just read as to the mode of payment generally and the salary and commission which Mr. Moore was to be paid were somewhat ambiguous, and that, being ambiguous, the Court would admit evidence to show the surrounding circumstances and sayings and acts of the parties at the time of and subsequently to the execution of the agreement, with a view of showing what the intention of the parties was in using the words. That evidence was tendered at the trial and rejected, and, in his opinion, it was rightly rejected. It appeared to him there was no ambiguity, in the sense of the words being capable of two interpretations, and there being a doubt as to which interpretation the parties intended to adopt. That being so, it appeared to him that the only duty of the Court was to determine what was the meaning of the words he had read as to the further salary by way of commission of 5 per cent. "on the amount of the net profits of the company made out of the carrying on of the said hotel," to lay down the principle upon which those profits were to be calculated. Now, at the trial, the parties brought before the Court a list of the various items which the company sought to have deducted from the general expenses of the hotel, and the company, in determining the question what the net profits were to be; and of those items the principal item upon which the contest arose was as to the right of the company to deduct the interest payable by the company on the mortgage debt over the hotel itself. As regarded that item, it appeared to him that the principle as laid down in the case of Righton v. Grissel, 5 Equity, page 326, applied. That was a case in many respects very similar to the one before the Court now. The same principle was also laid down in "Lindley on Partnerships," and it appeared to him on those authorities the company had no right to deduct the interest on the mortgage before ascertaining the net profits upon which the percentage was to be paid to Mr. Moore as part of his salary. Then, as regarded the other items, of which there were a large number, it appeared to him that the Court would have no difficulty in laying down such a principle as would enable the parties, by applying it to the facts, to ascertain how far these items were deductible. That principle appeared to him to be this—that the profits were to be calculated on the profits of carrying on the hotel apart from those receivable by the company itself. This would enable the parties to ascertain exactly whether the verdict which was found by consent at the trial was or was not the proper amount.

Mr. Justice Cohen and Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson concurred, though the latter expressed himself as being in some doubt about the matter.

The Court, at the request of counsel, then went through the items seriatim, expressing an opinion whether they were deductible or not, and the further hearing of the case was ordered to stand over till Friday next, to allow the conclusions at which the parties might arrive as to the adjustment of the items of deduction under the judgment of the Court to be reported.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Cohen.)

A BILL OF COSTS.

Creagh and another v. Hurley.

Mr. Bruce Smith and Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. L. F. Heydon, appeared for the defendant in support of a motion for a rule absolute to set aside the verdict for the plaintiff and enter it for the defendant, or for a nonsuit or a new trial. The action, which was tried before the Chief Justice and a jury of four, on November 25 last, was brought by Patrick William Creagh and Prosper Orleans Williams against John Hurley for the recovery of £54 17s 5d, being the amount of a bill of costs claimed to be due to the plaintiffs. A verdict was given under the direction of his Honor for the amount claimed, with leave reserved to the defendant to apply to the Full Court to have the verdict entered for him if the Court, on reading the contract and correspondence, should consider him to be so entitled. He now accordingly appealed, mainly on the grounds that on the evidence the plaintiffs had no cause of action against him and had no retainer from him, and that the conditions precedent under which he should become liable were not performed. Mr. G. R. Campbell, instructed by Mr. W. P. Creagh, appeared for the plaintiff to oppose the application.

After hearing Mr. Bruce Smith, and without calling upon Mr. Campbell to reply, the Court discharged the rule, with costs.

No. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice O'Connor and a jury of 4.)

ACTION FOR WORK AND LABOUR.

Carelton v. Robinson (part heard).

Mr. Ralston, instructed by Messrs. O'Sullivan Brothers, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Mr. Charles Bull, for the defendant. This was an action brought by James Carelton, a coachbuilder, of Botany-street, Redfern, against James Robinson for the recovery of £69 amount claimed as balance of account for work and labour in repairing certain vehicles, &c. The defendant paid £10 into court as sufficient to meet the plaintiff's claim. As to the sum of £22 9s, he pleaded not indebted, and as to £36 11s he pleaded payment.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for £58 12s.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE.

Ryan v. Sutton and another.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. J. B. Mimna, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Urquhart and Steel, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Catherine Ryan against E. F. Sutton and H. Sutton, carrying on business as Sutton and Co., to recover compensation from the defendants for personal injuries sustained by her in consequence of a collision between a vehicle belonging to defendant and the dummy of a tram on which plaintiff was riding. Her case was that on the 30th May last she was travelling up King-street on the dummy of an Ocean-street tramcar, and upon reaching the corner of King and Elizabeth streets the tram, as usual, stopped. There was a horse and vehicle belonging to the defendants standing in front of Riley's Hotel, and the driver, in attempting to get the vehicle away from the kerb, struck the dummy with the tailboard of the vehicle, which also came into collision with plaintiff, who was severely injured in one of her kneecaps, and according to her contention the limb was permanently disabled. She alleged that the accident was caused by the negligence of defendants' driver. The defendants pleaded not guilty, and denied the negligence charged.

The case stands part heard.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

HEARING OF CAUSES.

Andrews v. Andrews.

Mr. Fraser appeared for the petitioner, John William Andrews, who sought a divorce from Jane Andrews, formerly Pennington, on the grounds of her adultery with Robert Bell (who was joined as co-respondent) and desertion. The parties were married in January, 1880, at Parramatta, according to the rites of the Church of England. His Honor granted a decree nisi on the ground of the wife's adultery, the decree to be returnable in a month.

Slowgrove v. Slowgrove.

Mr. G. R. Gee appeared for the petitioner, Mary Jane Slowgrove, formerly Scott, who sought a divorce from Richard Slowgrove, on the ground of desertion. The parties were married according to the rites of the Church of England at Newtown in July, 1883, respondent being a bricklayer. Desertion dated from 1892. His Honor granted a decree nisi, returnable in one month, respondent to pay out of pocket costs; 10s per week for permanent maintenance of petitioner dum sola, and 5s per week for maintenance of each of the two children until each was 18 years old. Petitioner to have custody of the children.

Mason v. Mason.

Mr. A. B. Piddington, instructed by Mr. F. C. Boys, appeared for the petitioner, Florrie Bunar Mason, formerly Peters, who sought a divorce from George Mason on the grounds that he was habitually drunk and guilty of cruelty, and had left petitioner without means of support. The parties were married at Paddington in April, 1894, according to the rites of the Church of England. There were two children of the marriage. Petitioner said respondent was a wholesale ironmonger's salesman.

His Honor: Does he attend to his business?

Petitioner: Yes.

His Honor: And yet he is an habitual drunkard?

Mr. Piddington: It will be shown that he used night time for his drinking. So long as he turned up sober at his work his employers would not inquire into his matrimonial offences.

Petitioner, continuing, said that respondent once threw a lighted lamp at her, and the flames burnt her side. She suffered from the injury now. He pulled her by the hair and beat her. During his drunken fits he used to jump up to the ceiling.

His Honor: What do you mean by that? He must have been a very active drunken man.

Petitioner: He was. He would get on a chair and do a flying leap upwards, flinging out his arms, and calling out. He would throw me down and jump on me. He threatened to blow the house up with dynamite, and chased me with a knife.

Petitioner gave further evidence.

His Honor granted a decree nisi without calling for corroborative evidence, ordered that petitioner should have custody of her surviving child, and that respondent should pay costs of the suit.

HERTSLET v. HERTSLET.

Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Mr. W. A. Windeyer, appeared for the petitioner, Mary Josephine Hertslet, formerly Smyth, who sought a divorce from Charles Herbert Hertslet on the grounds of drunkenness and cruelty and drunkenness and failure to provide support. Respondent appeared in person to oppose the petition. Petitioner said she was married by a clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church in July, 1887, at Brewarrina, respondent being then a grocer. There were four children of the marriage.

The case stands part heard.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry).

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re John Ewing Service. Adjourned on application of the official assignee to April 12.

Re Samuel Turner. On the application of Mr. M'Evilly, solicitor for the bankrupt, the matter was adjourned to March 29 to enable Turner to get a certificate from his creditors in a former bankruptcy.

Re Ernest Gustavus Wythes. Mr. Walker appeared for the bankrupt. The Registrar held that Wythes had not kept proper books, that he had contracted debts without reasonable expectation of being able to pay, that his bankruptcy was brought about by rash speculation, and that he transferred his only asset to his father for inadequate consideration. A certificate was suspended for three years.

Re William Mainey. Mr. Muddle apppeared for the bankrupt. The Registrar held that no books were kept, that the statement of affairs was incomplete, and that the bankrupt contracted debts without reasonable expectation of being able to pay. A certificate was suspended for 18 months.

Re William George Collier. Adjourned on application of the official assignee to March 15.

Re Elias Kury, alias Charles Williams. Mr. England appeared for the bankrupt. The Registrar held that proper books were not kept, and that the bankrupt contracted debts without reasonable expectation of being able to pay. A certificate was suspended for two years from date of first application.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re Frederick William Marshall. Adjourned to March 16.

Re Alfred Austin Gallagher. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee and by Mr. M. Mitchell, bankrupt's solicitor. The matter was adjourned to April 5.

Re Ernest Horace Jones. On the application of the official assignee adjourned to March 22.

Re William Robert Walker. Bankrupt was present. The public examination was concluded.

Re George Deans Skardon. Mr. Gee appeared for the bankrupt and offered a composition of 1d in the £. Mr. Plunkett, solicitor for certain proved creditors, accepted the offer. Two debts were proved. The meeting was closed.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Examinations under section 30 were held in the estates of Ernest Horace Jones and George Gent. The matters were then adjourned respectively to March 22 and March 10.

SEQUESTRATIONS.

Cyrus Homershaw, Hornsby Junction, woolscourer. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries of 12.)

Mr. W. L. Merewether was Crown prosecutor.

ALLEGED LARCENY AND RECEIVING.

Daniel Moore was charged with the larceny of an umbrella, the property of F. A. Nerrie, in March, 1898. Accused pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. J. W. Abigail. The case for the prosecution was a small one. Mr. Abigail raised the defence that the umbrella had been found by accused at Summer Hill, and he had afterwards endeavoured to find the owner. The latter had at that time left the district. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and accused was acquitted.

FORGERY.

Sydney Harber was charged that on February 28 at Chatswood, he did forge a certain cheque for the sum of £3 on the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Chatswood branch, with intent to defraud. Accused pleaded guilty, and was remanded for sentence.

BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Patrick Connelly was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Elizabeth Greenham, at Marrickville, on February 4, and stealing therefrom four coats and other clothing, and a teapot, butter-dish, sugar-basin, and scoop. A second count of the indictment charged accused with receiving. The evidence for the prosecution was to the effect that the goods had been removed during or before a fire in the house, and Mrs. Greenham stated that the goods were in her house. John Dunn identified accused as the man who had come to him and asked him to advance money on the goods produced. The defence was a denial of knowledge of the event by accused and a statement that he was in another place. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and accused was remanded for sentence.

LARCENY AS A CO-PARTNER.

William Graham Rennie was arraigned on a charge that on July 15, 1898, he did appropriate certain money, to wit the sum of £129, the joint property of himself and Henry Coleman, partners in a certain business. Accused pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. J. W. Abigail. The case for the prosecution was that Coleman had advanced money for the stocking of a farm with pigs at Homebush, which were to be bought and fattened and sold at favourable times. There was no written agreement as to the partnership. The defence admitted a first partnership, which was afterwards broken off. Coleman also admitted receiving a promissory-note from Rennie. Evidence with regard to the arrest on a Sunday at accused's mother's residence was tendered. After a lengthy address by Mr. Abigail, his Honor summed up, pointing out that the main question for consideration was the credibility of the statements of Coleman and Rennie as given in the witness-box. The jury retired for two hours and a half, and returned into court with a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy. Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

UTTERING COUNTERFEIT COIN.

Samuel Jones was charged with uttering a counterfeit half-crown at the Sydney Cricket Ground pavilion entrance on February 25. Accused pleaded not guilty. The case for the prosecution was that accused tendered the coin for admission to the grand stand on the occasion of the recent cricket match between New Zealand and New South Wales. On it being rejected by the attendant he stated that he was a cabman, and that he received the money as a fare. It was shown that accused was not a licensed cabman. The arresting constable stated that accused while being conveyed to the station told him that he received the money in change at the Captain Cook Hotel, and that afterwards when he was taken to the hotel said that it was another hotel, and subsequently varied the tale. He also endeavoured to escape, but was recaptured. The defence was that accused did not know the money was counterfeit. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and accused was remanded for sentence.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BREAK AND ENTER.

Thomas Douglas and William Murray were charged with attempting to break and enter the dwelling-house of Robert Craig, in Croydon-avenue, Croydon, on February 22. Accused pleaded not guilty. Evidence was given by Miss Craig as to seeing the accused Douglas attempting to open a window in her father's residence. He and Murray had been in the vicinity seeking employment as tinkers, Douglas doing the work and Murray the soliciting of orders. Both men were followed by a man whom Miss Craig met, and were subsequently arrested. Accused denied knowledge or desire of any attempt to break and enter. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against Douglas and not guilty against Murray. The latter was acquitted, and Douglas remanded for sentence.

SENTENCE.

James Macnamara, found guilty of stealing a horse, cart, and harness, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol on the charge of horse-stealing, and to three years' penal servitude on the charge of stealing the cart, the sentences to be concurrent.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, March 9.

Term List.—New Trial Motions: Denham and another v. Foley and another (part heard), Noyes v. Lougher, Vidal v. Tempesley. Motions, &c.: Ex parte the Incorporated Law Institute, in re attachment for contempt; ex parte Mark E. Pullen, prohibition.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Ryan v. Sutton and another (part heard). At 12 noon: Staerker and another v. R. Robinson, same v. A. Robinson, Healey v. Gregory.

The jurors summoned to attend No. 2 Jury Court to-day need not attend until 12 noon. This does not apply to those engaged in the above part-heard case.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce.—At 10: Andrews v. Andrews, Bell co-respondent (part heard), Hertslet v. Hertslet (part heard), and hearing of causes.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Ex parte Ah Cow, 11; ex parte Sin Kye, 12. Before the Registrar in Divorce.—Fry v. Fry, 2.30. Before the Chief Clerk.—Ping v. Lefebre, 10.30. Before the Deputy Registrar in Divorce.—Clarke v. Clarke, 2.15.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Moran v. Garnett, motion for injunction; Bridge v. Kenyon (part heard). At 10.30 a.m.: Reeve v. Swanson (hearing).

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company matters, lunacy matters. At 11 a.m.: Stokes v. Klaeby, to proceed on claim. At 2 p.m.: Re trusts of K. C. Hewlett and another, to appoint new trustees. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.: Hill v. Foley, to settle minutes of order. At 11 a.m.: Worthington v. Merry, to tax costs. At 12 noon: Board v. Weeks, to settle minutes of order. At 2 p.m.: Waddell v. Waddell, to tax costs. At 2.30 p.m.: Re Charles Jenkins, deceased, to tax costs. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 2 p.m.: Re M. Finlayson and others, infants, to pass accounts.

In Bankruptcy.—Before his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy, at 10.30 a.m.—Re Robert Assard, George Assard, and Frank Assard, trading as Assard Brothers, motion under section 134. Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy, at 11 a.m.—Certificate applications: William George Genge, John Givins. Single meetings: Martin O'Brien, Isabella Ellen Conet. Re the estate of George Hill, deceased, public examination; re Henry Shuttleworth Gannon, examination under section 30; re Jeremiah Ahern, adjourned taxation of bill of costs. Before the Chief Clerk in Bankruptcy, at 2.10 p.m.—Re Alexander William Miller, petitioning creditors' costs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, March 9.
Before his Honor Acting Judge Scholes, at 10 a.m.
Sheppey v. Beddell, Himmelhoch v. Handfield, See v. Lee, Goodlet and Smith, Limited, v. Smith, Rogers v. Starke, Gray v. Smithson, Napier v. Gillies, Leal and another v. Geoghegan and another.

QUARTER SESSIONS.
Thursday, March 9.
Henry Barton, forgery and uttering; Thomas Young and Henry Melrose, assault and robbery; Joseph Walton, maliciously wounding.

POLICE COURTS.

Fraudulent Appropriation.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., George Green, 22, a news vendor, was charged with fraudulently appropriating to his own use the proceeds of the sale of 94 racebooks, value £2 7s, the property of Thomas Shortel, of 53 Market-street. The evidence showed that the books were given to accused to sell on commission, and he omitted to return the proceeds to the amount named. A fine of £4 14s and costs was inflicted, or in default two months' imprisonment.

Theft from an Hotel.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Thomas Johnson, 34, labourer, was charged with stealing five pewter pint measures, value 17s 6d, the property of Peter J. Brennan, of the Royal Hyde Park Hotel, on March 3. Accused was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Vagrancy.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., James Anderson, 28, labourer, was charged with having no visible lawful means of support. The accused, it was stated in evidence, was the companion of thieves. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Omitting to Register.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., in the Summons Division, some 40 milk vendors were proceeded against by Inspector George Baker for selling milk without having duly registered themselves as required by the Dairies Supervision Act. Fines of 10s and costs were imposed in the majority of cases.

Cruelty to Horses.—In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., Inspector Herbert Anker, of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, proceeded against Charles Smith for cruelly ill-treating a horse by working it while suffering from sores. The accused was fined 10s, or in default was ordered to be imprisoned for three days. Mr. Anker also proceeded against Charles Mead for a similar offence by working a horse while suffering from lameness. A fine of 40s, with the alternative of going to gaol for 14 days, was imposed. For a similar offence Thomas Green was fined 20s or seven days.

Till Robbery.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. M. S. Love, D.S.M., Arthur Morris, 25, a jockey, was charged with stealing the sum of about 15s from the till of the Commercial Hotel, George-street. The accused was ordered to pay a fine of £5, or in default go to prison for two months.

Vagrancy.—John Ambrose Murray, a middle-aged man, who stated that he had been formerly a Civil servant, was charged at the same court with having insufficient lawful means of support. The accused handed the Bench a letter from Dr. A. J. Brady, recommending his admission to the Benevolent Asylum. The accused was ordered to be imprisoned for three months.

False Pretences.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. M. S. Love, D.S.M., Reginald Moncrieff, 33, an engineer, was charged with having by means of a false pretence, to wit a valueless cheque, obtained the sum of £6, with intent to defraud. The accused was sentenced to imprisonment for six months with hard labour.

Disorderly Conduct on a Ship.—George Thompson, 38, a seaman, was in the Charge Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. M. S. Love, D.S.M., charged with disorderly conduct on board the ship Grace Harwar, lying in Port Jackson. Accused was fined 20s, or ordered, in default, to be imprisoned for 48 hours.

Embezzlement on the Oceana.—William Berry, 22, a butcher, was at the same court charged with embezzling a quantity of ship's stores, consisting of poultry and game, to the value of £9, from the R.M.S. Oceana, the property of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The accused was ordered to pay the value of the goods embezzled and to be imprisoned for eight weeks with hard labour.

Breach of the Licensing Act.—In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., Inspector Potter proceeded against Charles A. C. Laudenberger, licensee of the Royal George Hotel, King and Sussex streets, for having on Sunday, February 26, kept open his premises for the sale of liquor to persons other than bona fide lodgers or travellers. The defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined £3, with 5s 6d costs, or in default was ordered to be imprisoned for one month.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

The weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court was held yesterday, the bench being occupied by Messrs. Delohery and Edwards, S.Ms., and F. Penny, L.M. The following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—Charles Barlow to Percy T. Thornton, Eastern Markets Hotel, Forbes-street; Peter Brown to Elizabeth Cormack, Welcome Inn, Liverpool-street.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board was held yesterday. Mr. J. Garrard presided. Mr. T. D. Hay was appointed to fill the position of engineer in charge of the ejector station at Alexandria, vice Mr. Brown, who has been appointed to the staff at the Crown-street pumping station. A letter was received from the private secretary to Lord Hampden, thanking the board for its message of condolence. A request by Mr. W. Bass for the extension of 54 yards of 4in. watermain in Highfield-road, Lindfield, at an estimated cost of £20, the estimated revenue being £1 3s, or about 6 per cent. on the cost, was granted. A recommendation by the engineer for the extension of 80 yards of 4in. watermain in Gorman-street, Marrickville, was approved. A letter was received from residents of Mitchell-street, Enfield, applying for the extension of 276 yards of 4in. watermain in that thoroughfare. The request was granted. At the request of the North Botany Council it was decided to lay 98 yards of 4in. watermain in Berry-street and 44 yards in Watt-street. The daily consumption of water from Prospect reservoir last week was stated to be 21,300,000 gallons. A report showed that during the week ended 4th instant 1031 yards of watermains were laid, 25 yards relaid, 1839 yards cleaned, and 9 hydrants fixed. The tender of W. Lane for the construction of 32,482 lineal feet of pipe sewers at 14·1 per cent. below schedule rates was accepted.

The medical officer reported that during the year 1898 the population of the metropolis increased by 7250 persons. The mean temperature for the year was less than in 1897. The extremes of temperature were sudden and severe, and the humidity was very great. The mortality due to general causes was much greater in 1898 than it had been for some years, the rate being 151·8 per 10,000 of the population. In 1880 the rate reached 182·9. The mortality for 1898 showed a considerable increase over that for any year since 1893, and was greater than that for 1897 by 1134 cases. The annual mortality in London, which is one of the healthiest cities in the world, was 168 per 10,000 of the population. Taking into consideration the effect of climate and the recent epidemic of measles which occurred during the latter half of the year, the metropolis of Sydney showed as low a death rate as any English town its own size, and a far lower death rate than some of the Scotch and Irish towns. Before the installation of the present water supply and sewerage systems the mortality per 10,000 reached the rate of 200. Epidemics did not occur so frequently as in former years, and the mortality adjusted itself upon the subsidence of the epidemic. The increase in mortality referred to was made up by 268 cases of measles, 191 cases of whooping cough, 156 cases of bronchitis, 129 cases of pneumonia, 14 cases of diphtheria, 90 cases of phthisis, and 290 other causes. The irregular removal of house garbage allowed festering heaps to exist and attracted flies and mosquitoes. Recently there had been much inquiry into the matter of the dissemination of disease by means of insects, and it had been found that the mosquito was capable of disseminating disease. With the data at present obtained, care should be taken to prevent these insects from being a cause of disease. The action of the council in regulating the display of dirt-boxes was a step in the right direction, but there should be some attempt to prevent the sorting, which was evidently necessary in order to prevent these inadequate receptacles of filthy household garbage from being raked and turned over on the pavements by itinerant rag and bottle merchants. In the metropolis for 1895 the mortality from phthisis was 445, in 1896 428, in 1897 403, and in 1898 504. The mortality from the same disease during 1898, according to age, was as follows:—Under 5 years, 9; 5 to 10 years, 2; 11 to 20 years, 44; 21 to 30 years, 134; 31 to 40 years, 128; 41 to 50 years, 85; 51 to 60 years, 60; 61 to 70 years, 20; 71 to 77 years, 10. This showed the loss of life during the wage-earning period. The increase in the deaths from phthisis amounted almost to an epidemic. The average of the last 10 years showed that the death rate in the city from phthisis had decreased from 15·5 per 10,000 of the population to 9·2, and in the other sewered districts there was an equally great decrease since the laying of deep sewers. The total number of typhoid fever cases reported during 1894 was 542, in 1895 408, in 1896 616, in 1897 461, and in 1898 883. Out of the total number of cases reported during 1898 more than 6 per cent. were under the age of 5 years, 40 per cent. under 10 years, 70 per cent. under 20 years, and 90 per cent. under 30 years. There was no need for those pestilence-breeding heaps called municipal tips. The proper disposal of street refuse and house garbage was to be arrived at by carrying out the inevitable sorting and destruction by fire.

A portrait of the late Sir John Cecil Read is in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

THE DRINK—PAR EXCELLENCE.
Fry's Cocoa. Beware you get Fry's.—Advt.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The MINISTER FOR MINES, in answer to Mr. Hurley, said the Government Geologist occasionally visited mining centres, and lectured on the local formations of each district. The question of further utilising the services of the officers of the Government Geological Branch in this direction was under consideration.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, in answer to Mr. O'Sullivan, said that the Public Service Board in determining the amount of pension to be paid to Public school teachers calculated the period of service from the passing of the Public Instruction Act of 1880. The Crown Solicitor advised the Public Service Board that teachers who had been in the service for many years before the passing of that Act were not entitled to have such service recognised in the calculation of their retiring allowance. By the regulations of the Public Service Board teachers, after 20 years' continuous good service, were entitled to only three months' leave of absence on full pay, whereas other public servants after the same period of service were entitled to six months' leave on full pay. Teachers, however, had seven weeks' leave each year and every Saturday morning, whereas other public servants had two weeks' each year if stationed in the coast district, and three weeks' leave if in the Central and Western districts.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. W. W. Davis, said that concessions in tram and railway fares were made to the Technical College students, but the concessions were not extended to students attending the classes at evening schools generally in view of the difficulty that would be experienced in properly safeguarding the concessions.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, in answer to Mr. Chanter, said that 11 aboriginal children from a black's camp had been refused admission to the Public school at Gulargambone. Objection to their admission was made by the residents, who declined to send their children to school as long as the aboriginal children attended. Where no objection was made by the residents to the admission to Public schools of aboriginal children no action was taken by the department. Special schools were provided for them in the various reserves. In the case of Gulargambone the residents had offered to provide a school building for the aboriginal children if the department would appoint a teacher and provide material. The offer had been accepted.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr Lyne, said that he was aware that in several instances last session a bill passed by the Legislative Assembly to sanction the construction of a railway was so amended by the Legislative Council as to impose a betterment tax in certain cases upon the persons whose freeholds and leaseholds were to be served by such railway. Being asked whether he was aware that the Constitution Act, section 1, vested the origination of all rates, taxes, and imposts exclusively in the Legislative Assembly, the Premier stated that the clause mentioned provided that all bills for imposing any new rate, tax, or impost should originate with the Assembly. The whole matter involved questions of law upon which he was not at present advised.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, in answer to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, said that seed to the value of £20,334 was distributed throughout the colony during the past five years, and the sum of £6108 had been repaid.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, said that he could not undertake to take up during this session the Defamation Bill passed by the Legislative Council.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, said that the salary of the Chief Justice of New South Wales amounted to £3500 per annum. During the occupancy of the post of Lieutenant-Governor the Chief Justice drew £7000 per annum from the date of assuming the duties of office until Lord Hampden's successor sailed from England, from which date £3500 per annum until the new Governor assumed the duties of office.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, said that seven officers of the Public Service were included amongst the officers and men of the Lancers contingent to England. They had been given extended leave for the purpose, without pay, but in the case of letter-carriers the difference (if any) between their pay and that of their substitutes would be allowed to dependent relatives when there were any such.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, who asked a question with regard to the proposed railway between Merriwa and Cassilis, said that nothing could be done at present, but when the future railway policy of the country was engaging the attention of the Government the proposed line would not be overlooked.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Affleck, said that he was informed that it had been the practice for the past six years to receive fruit on Sunday afternoons at stations between Merrylands and Campbelltown, so as to facilitate despatch for the early market on Monday mornings. There was no intention at present to extend the arrangement.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL, in answer to Mr. Haynes, said that the authority by whom increases to 40 officers of the Postal Department were refused was that of the Public Service Board.

CORAL-BORING EXPEDITION TO FUNAFUTI.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK asked the Premier what was the total cost to this colony of the coral-boring expedition to Funafuti.

The PREMIER answered: Amounts paid by Treasury Department from advance vote:—In 1897-8, account charter Eastward Ho, £67 5s 6d; in 1898-9, advance to Professor David for wages of drillmen, £40 14s—£107 19s 6d. As the Departments of Public Works and Mines lent machinery and men, it would be necessary to refer to those departments before the total cost could be ascertained.

THE MILITARY SERVICE.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK asked the Premier: Will he, in view of the strong feeling which exists with reference to the high salaries paid to officers in the military service, cause the Public Service Board, sitting as a Royal Commission, to make inquiry into the whole working and ramifications of same, with a view towards its re-arrangement on a more equitable and satisfactory basis?

The PREMIER answered: I am afraid the inquiry the honourable member alludes to could not be undertaken by gentlemen without military qualifications or experience.

PENSIONS AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES TO OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.

Mr. LEVIEN asked the Premier: Is it a fact that the Public Service Board has recently decided that the services of teachers and officers under the Department of Public Instruction are allowed to be reckoned as per clause 48 of the Civil Service Act only from 1880 under the retiring clauses of the Civil Service Act of 1884, and the Public Service Act of 1895, as to pensions, and as to retiring allowances as provided for in clause 62 of the Public Service Act of 1895? If so, when was this decision arrived at; and why are not the employees of the Education Department allowed their years of service on retiring now as they were previously, and as the officers of the other departments are?

The PREMIER answered: The decision referred to is not that of the Public Service Board, but of the Crown law officers, to whose ruling the board must conform. The matter has been brought under the attention of the Government by the board, and the question whether more favourable terms cannot be granted to teachers is under consideration. I think I may safely say that the Government will recognise, as a matter to be computed in their pensions, the services of teachers under the Council of Education; but, of course, they will be put on the same footing as officers in the Public Service—that is to say, for the years during which they did not contribute to the fund they will have to pay a certain deduction.

INCREASE OF SALARY TO PUBLIC SERVANTS.

Mr. STEVENSON asked the Premier,—Is it a fact that the whole of the Civil servants entitled to increase in their salaries were paid on March 1 instant except those employed in the Customs Department, and, if so, why was the exception made in the case of those employed in that department?

The PREMIER answered: No exception whatever has been made in regard to the treatment of the Customs staff. As soon as a department is dealt with the results are gazetted and the increases paid. As there are some 5000 officers to be dealt with the cases of some must necessarily be delayed longer than others.

BOARD OF APPEAL IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

Mr. HAYNES asked the Premier,—Has he considered the expediency of creating a board of appeal in connection with the Public Service Board? Does he approve of such a board of appeal?

The PREMIER answered: I am going to take all the suggestions made for improvements in the Public Service Act into consideration during the recess. The special matter the hon. member brings under my notice is one of the most important of the suggestions which have been made.

MINERS' ACCIDENT FUND BILL.

Mr. FEGAN asked the Minister for Mines: Will he lay upon the table of this House the bill to provide for a miners' accident fund before the close of the present session, so that those people interested can have the opportunity of making themselves acquainted with its provisions during the recess?

The MINISTER for MINES answered: I cannot say until the matter has been submitted for Cabinet approval. This will be done so soon as the bill is received from the actuary to whom its financial provisions have been submitted for report.

CLYDE METALLURGICAL WORKS.

The MINISTER for MINES, in answer to Mr. Hurley, said that the only record in the Department as to whether Mr. W. F. Hurley at any time underwent an examination for an inspectorship of mines was an application for the position of inspector of mines. Although the papers showed that Mr. Hurley attended the place of examination, they did not show that he entered upon the examination. The chief inspector of mines had visited the Clyde Metallurgical Works with the late Minister, but no official report was on record as to the result of the visit. The same answer might be given to a question as to whether Mr. Pittman, the Government Geologist, had ever reported upon the works.

PETITION.

A petition signed by residents of Walla Walla was presented by Mr. Lyne praying for the imposition of duties on cereals in view of the retention of the sugar duty.

THE CLYDE AND METALLURGICAL WORKS.

Mr. HURLEY asked the Minister for Mines, without notice, whether if, the reasons given on the previous night on the adjournment were not well founded, where was the necessity for the radical changes in the metallurgical works.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member is making a speech. He had better put what he has to say in writing and get a reply.

Mr. HURLEY: I do not want to make a speech.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would not allow the hon. member to give notice of that question, and so I cannot allow it without notice.

Mr. HURLEY: Cannot the Minister answer the first part of my question?

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minister can do so if he wishes.

The MINISTER FOR MINES: The hon. member will have to give notice of the question.

RELIEF WORKS.

Mr. QUINN asked the Minister for Works, without notice, whether he had done anything towards starting relief works he had promised for the unemployed.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: I have carried out every promise that I ever made to the House or to the hon. gentleman as far as possible.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said he desired to ask the Premier where was the wandering Attorney-General. He wanted to show his authority for the question.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN: Here is a gentleman getting £2000 a year ——

The PREMIER: You are getting £300 a year, and what have you done for it?

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

Mr. M'LAUGHLIN asked the Premier whether he would have any objection to have a map made which would show the towns within a distance of 100 miles of Sydney.

The PREMIER: I should think that it would not require such a fine line of limitation, inasmuch as the hon. gentleman and his friends say the capital will never be in New South Wales.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Will the Premier say where he thinks the capital will be?

The PREMIER: Where I think it will be, it will be a good place to have it.

RELIEF TO SETTLERS BILL.—SECOND READING.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE.

The debate on the second reading of the Relief to Settlers Bill was resumed.

Mr. CHANTER said that many of the objections were made on false grounds. The Government, those objectors seemed to think, should have brought in an exhaustive bill to relieve all classes of selectors. He failed to see how it could be called class legislation. The selectors were the tenants of the Crown. It simply meant that the tenants were appealing to their landlord (the Crown) for assistance. In the whole of his experience he never saw such desolation as existed in the Riverina, especially to-day. If the homestead selectors who could not get any assistance from the financiers or traders did not obtain any assistance from the Government, many would have to throw up their selections. They should relieve these selectors and give some indication to would-be settlers that in times of dire distress the Government would stand by them and assist them. At the same time the bill was not an absolutely perfect one. As far as the conditional purchasers were concerned he did not think they would get the relief which they deserved and required. Next session he hoped a bill would be introduced which would deal in a comprehensive way with a more adequate system of relief. The hon. member was misleading when he stated that the liabilities of the selectors to the Crown was £11,000,000. Until the full payments were made the Crown held the land. The selectors had honourably met their obligations. If the statement that British capitalists were lending money to settlers at 4½ per cent. was true it could only apply to special cases where there was very exceptional security.

Mr. MACKAY said he was afraid the bill would not benefit the older selectors. The clause which gave priority to the Government in case of mortgage would operate against them, inasmuch as those who had advanced money would close down as soon as they found that they were placed in the position of second mortgagees.

Dr. ROSS said he would congratulate the Minister upon the prompt way in which he had taken the subject in hand. He thought it would be a more satisfactory way of administering the fund that was to be created if it were placed under the control of the Minister instead of under the proposed board.

Mr. KIDD said he would support the bill, but was surprised that the Minister had not come down with a necessary amendment in it. It was a form of repudiation for the Government to say that for its advances it should have the prior right of the security over previous mortgagees. Such a provision could not be tolerated. He thought that instead of the appointment of a special board to deal with applications for advances, regulations should be drawn up, and then the necessary power could be reposed in the land boards. Care must be taken that the money was advanced only to be used to assist the settlers out of the difficulties into which the drought had directly thrown them. Settlers must not use it to stock up their farms.

Mr. DIGHT said he did not think the bill would give the assistance requisite, and he therefore urged that the Minister for Lands would do what he had promised—extend assistance to the farmers and come to Parliament afterwards for indemnification. So far as it went, however, he would support the bill. The sub-clause (f) relating to mortgages was a mistake, but would not be so disastrous as some hon. members seemed to think. If the clause was adopted as printed it would cause an upheaval of the whole system of money-lending and dealing in every way with lands of all kinds. It would be a very undesirable thing to have as the board a "red hot political body."

Mr. PHILLIPS said that the exceptional circumstances in which people in the country districts were justified the House in passing the bill. The measure would be of great assistance to those who required it. There was no doubt that sub-section F of clause 9 would have to be amended. The assistance to be extended should be given expeditiously. He did not approve of the proposed political constitution of the board.

Mr. COTTON said that, in view of the calamity that had arisen, there was no man of ordinary broad humanitarian instincts who would not say it was a right thing for the Government to adopt some method of relieving the distress that existed. There was no reason or right why the Government should provide money to one class of the community and not to another, except in case of a national calamity. The maximum loan should be reduced to £100, and the whole fund should be treated as a relief fund. He was opposed to the Government engaging in a money-lending business.

Mr. BROWN said the Minister should give wider operation to the 28th clause of the Act of 1895, and also grant a reappraisement of holdings. He hoped the bill would pass through committee with but slight amendment.

Mr. PERRY said that he did not think the bill went far enough. The Government ought to have introduced a more comprehensive measure. There were only one or two classes that could get assistance under the provisions of that bill. If subsection F of clause 9 was not amended the effect would be to cause men who had lent money on conditional purchases to call it in. Certainly an alteration of that sub-section was required.

Mr. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL said he would support the measure. It would to many people be like a lifebelt thrown to persons in the surging breakers. It would prove beneficial to many farmers in the South Coast districts. He was very pleased to find that the scope of the bill was such as to include farmers who had purchased privately owned land. He looked upon the bill as the first step to larger legislation which must follow.

Mr. A. CHAPMAN said that the real reason for a remedial measure of this kind did not arise merely from the drought, but from other circumstances. Unless some drastic change was made in the land legislation of this country those men could not go on. He failed to see how that measure would help those men. The bona-fide selectors of the country only wanted their lands at fair valuations. The average value of land conditionally purchased was nearer to 5s than 20s per acre. The Government should have brought in a comprehensive measure which would permanently settle the difficulties of the settlers.

Mr. FEGAN said that if this temporary measure of relief were granted the House would be bound to carry the larger measure which was to be introduced. This bill looked like a piece of political jobbery.

Mr. HAWTHORNE: Do you think the present Government would be capable of political jobbery?

Mr. FEGAN said he would not allow the hon. gentleman who represented two leaders to catechise him. A fortnight ago nothing was heard of the bill. Then it was suddenly placed on the table. There were men in the House who would find a way of forcing the bill by displacing the Government if necessary. He would prefer to see either a comprehensive measure dealing with that matter or a bill for the reappraisement of conditional purchases. He did not see how the repayment of those advances was to be secured. He supposed that if another drought was experienced there would be an appeal for time. Half a million sterling would not give the assistance that was required at the present time.

Mr. D. DAVIS said he thought the time had arrived when a credit foncier system should be introduced to assist the farmers of the country.

Mr. AFFLECK said that the introduction of that bill had afforded opportunity for the delivery of some of the greatest electioneering speeches they had ever heard. If the bill was not what it should be they should try in committee to make it what it should be.

Mr. CARROLL said he looked upon the bill as the first instalment of a State Bank. It would have his hearty support.

Mr. PRICE said he intended to support the bill. People had paid more for the land than they could afford, and in consequence they had on several occasions to apply for extensions of time. What was the use of adopting a miserable subterfuge like that? They were asking men to do that which they could not do. He looked upon the bill as laying the foundation for a national bank, and therefore would support it.

Mr. BENNETT said he thought that the measure only touched the fringe of the matter with which it dealt. The principle of the bill ought to be applied for the benefit of the whole of the State tenants now in distress.

Mr. MILLER said he did not regard the bill as a measure of a class character. There ought to be some provision to ensure that the selector and not the mortgagee should get the benefit derivable from the bill.

The MINISTER for LANDS said he declined to accept the responsibility for the 10 per cent. fine on overdue instalments which had been complained of. It was the result of a blunder of others. Those who criticised the bill and said it should be more comprehensive and its provisions extended in other directions forgot that the measure was proposed to meet a sudden national emergency. Last session a bill providing for reappraisements was on the table of the House, but reappraisement would not help the great bulk of the selectors. The very men who would be relieved by the bill had land which could not be purchased for £1 an acre in the open market. Nine-tenths of the selections of the country taken up under the operation of the land laws had absolutely gone over to large institutions or to large property owners.

The motion was carried by 77 votes to 2.

The bill was read the second time, and the House went into committee to consider it in detail.

Clause 1, "The Treasurer may sell inscribed stock."

Mr. COPELAND moved the amendment of the clause by the omission of the words "offer for sale and to sell at the Treasury Sydney inscribed stock secured upon," and the substitution of the words "appropriate from." He proposed, he said, to compel the Government to provide the money from the consolidated revenue fund instead of by floating loans.

The CHAIRMAN ruled that the amendment was outside the order of leave.

The clause was then agreed to.

Mr. PRICE asked permission to make a personal explanation.

The CHAIRMAN ruled that it was not competent for the hon. member to make in committee a personal explanation concerning a matter which took place in the House.

Mr. PRICE moved a motion dissenting from the ruling of the chairman, and asking that the point of order should be referred to the Speaker.

The Committee by 43 to 20 votes declined to report progress and report the point of order to the Speaker.

Clauses 2 and 3 were agreed to without discussion.

Clause 4, "Interest at 3½ per cent., payable half-yearly."

Mr. WATSON moved the amendment of the clause so as to provide that the interest payable by the Government should be at a rate not exceeding 3½ per cent.

The amendment was agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 8 inclusive were agreed to.

Clause 9, "Application of money raised by sale of stock," was postponed.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS said he intended to move a number of amendments in that clause.

Progress was reported, and leave obtained to sit again next day.

ADJOURNMENT.

The PREMIER, in moving "That the House at its rising to-day do adjourn until Tuesday next, said he felt sure that the Federal Bill could not be dealt with by the Council this week. The Settlers Advances Bill would not suffer by an adjournment of this House until Tuesday next. Tuesday was sure to be occupied in another place with the Federal Bill.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said that the adjournment to Tuesday would not prevent him from bringing forward a certain motion he contemplated moving.

Mr. BARTON said that as there was a general desire to adjourn till Tuesday, he scarcely thought that there would be any great prospect of success in resisting the motion to adjourn till Tuesday. He did not think it would prevent Mr. O'Sullivan bringing his motion forward. Looking at the position of the Enabling Bill in the other Chamber, he thought that it would be desirable that the motion should be discussed at a time when the House would have more conception of the likely course of events.

Mr. Edden and Mr. Haynes having spoken,

Mr. BARTON, as a matter of explanation of a remark made by Mr. Haynes, said that lest it should be thought that there had been a change of parties, all he could say was that anyone who had observed his course of action with regard to federation must have known that in the present movement he would be at one with the Premier.

The PREMIER: You would have no choice.

Mr. BARTON: He would have no choice. He supported the motion before the House as he would support any motion of this kind, inasmuch as it was a motion relating to the business of the House in which leaders were supposed to concur when the general convenience pointed only one way. Hon. gentlemen who objected to the course of action he took would learn that he was still leader of the Opposition, and he would deal with his critics in a way they would not like.

The PREMIER said he had moved for the adjournment until Tuesday on the understanding that the Advances to Settlers Bill would be gone on with, but if a lot of other matters were to be introduced it would be better to meet on Thursday, and fight out the matter. He was prepared to meet a party contest when it occurred; but at the present stage he would deeply deplore the introduction of any party element into the House.

The motion was carried by 47 votes to 6. Messrs. Wilson, Storey, Watkin, Edden, Bennett, and O'Sullivan voted with the minority.

At 12 minutes past 11 o'clock the House adjourned until the usual hour on Tuesday next.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held yesterday for the purpose of further considering the expediency of erecting public offices on land with frontages to Phillip, Bridge, and Young streets. There were present Messrs. Perry (president), Dr. Garran, P. L. C. Shepherd, J. C. Watson, W. T. Dick, W. J. Trickett, and H. Levien. Mr. D. Miller, accountant of the Bank of New South Wales, gave evidence of a general character with reference to the economising of space in offices and their arrangement, both as regards the proposed public buildings and the Bank of New South Wales. Mr. W. W. Froggatt, entomologist in the Department of Mines, and Mr. D. M'Lachlan, Under-Secretary, also gave evidence.

TOO MUCH MEAT. TOO MUCH TEA.

DYSPEPSIA ARRIVES AND DEPARTS.

THE CASE OF OCTAVIUS L. COWAN, ESQ.

Proceeding according to instructions in the matter, our reporter called at the "School of Arts," Kiama, N.S.W. On Mr. Cowan making his appearance, and being informed of the business in hand, he gave the newspaper man the following highly interesting particulars.

"I suppose," said Mr. Cowan (who is Curator), "there is no part of the globe where indigestion and its various resultant troubles are so rife as in these colonies."

"Yes—how do you account for that?"

"Too much meat and too much tea, too much fryingpan, and generally too little attention to the art of cooking. You see," pursued Mr. Cowan, in an explanatory way, "tea and meat don't agree together. We take them together, it is true, but, as a consequence, we Australians are the greatest sufferers from derangements of the digestive apparatus in the world."

"Did you ever suffer from indigestion?" asked the newspaper man.

"Indeed I did, and very badly, too; and I've little doubt its predisposing cause was inattention to my diet. I received significant warning of the approach of the complaint by a peculiar oppressive pain which made itself felt in the chest after meals. A kind of a dull ache. It felt just as though my food was sticking there in a lump, and would not budge. I tried all sorts of things, but nothing would rid me of this distressing pain; and I was very careful what I ate and drank. Very soon a great many other symptoms showed themselves."

"Tell me of them," said the reporter.

"Well—I was troubled very badly with flatulence. Everything I ate took an extraordinarily long time to digest. Sometimes it wouldn't digest at all, but fermented, and generated a sour gas. This would cause distension and acute suffering. Then my head ached very badly at times; indeed, I always felt heavy and languid, and, though weary, my sleep was much disturbed, and always uneasy and unrefreshing. Many nights I obtained no sleep whatever, owing to the acute pain I suffered."

"Were you all right in other respects?"

"Oh dear, no! I lost considerable weight, and I was much pulled down in every way."

"What about the medicines you say you tried?"

"Oh, these much-vaunted indigestion cures are so much time and money wasted; they only give the stomach so much more foreign matter to dispose of, and they weaken one, too. I got no relief till I found a powerful restorative in Clements Tonic. This remedy had a most wonderful effect upon my indigestion. Even after half a bottle or so the hard lump which I continually felt in my chest appeared to soften and began to go away, and I commenced to get a decent appetite again. During all my illness I could hardly eat anything, but Clements Tonic as good as forced me to eat. It made me quite hungry. And sleepy, too, I believe, for I slept right through the nights after the dose which I always took at bed-time."

"And the flatulence?"

"That went, too, in quick time, and I started to put on flesh again; and you may be sure it wasn't long before I got as right as anything, for Clements Tonic, naturally enough, performed a thorough cure. After the way Clements Tonic pulled me round I can unreservedly recommend it."

"I ask permission to publish your case."

"You have that permission."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

"I, Octavius Luther Cowan, of Kiama, in the colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration voluntarily and without receiving any payment, conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the Suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits.'

"O. L. COWAN."

"Declared at Kiama this 17th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, before me.—R. O. KENDALL, J.P."—Advt.

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LORD SALISBURY'S "APOLOGIA."

We are surprised, says the "Spectator," that Lord Salisbury's speech at the dinner of the Constitutional Club has received so little attention, for it was in many ways a most remarkable utterance. It contained what was, in fact, an apologia for the Premier's conduct of foreign affairs. As regards the latter part of that apologia we are in the most hearty agreement; but as regards the first part we find considerable grounds for difference. Lord Salisbury, in effect, meets the accusation that his foreign policy has not been in many particulars firm enough by saying that a Minister cannot go beyond public opinion. He admits the tremendous force which is possessed by the Government when the country is unanimous; but he says that the converse is also true, and that unless you can be sure that the country is unanimous you dare not take a bold and forcible line. "I have often," says Lord Salisbury, "heard exhortations to deal in a drastic manner with this or that difficulty. They are questions not of any very great public interest. You cannot excite public feeling upon them at all. Is is not true that, if a Minister were to threaten war—and, of course, if he threatens, he must be prepared to carry it out—on these comparatively trivial subjects, he is liable to be left in the position of finding that he has threatened that which he cannot do, and that popular opinion is not prepared to carry it out? That may be no hurt to the Minister; he may retire, and nothing may come of it to him, but it is a tremendous blow to the prestige of your country." Lord Salisbury speaks of trivial questions, but, of course, he means in this context questions that appear trivial to the country but not to the Minister—i.e., questions which are in reality not trivial but important. If the Minister thought them trivial as well as the country no question would arise as no one would want to take strong action in regard to them. What Lord Salisbury means, then, is to say that even though he may think certain questions of moment, he cannot act strongly thereon unless the country will also think them momentous. In fact, Lord Salisbury shelters himself behind an uninstructed, and so indifferent, public opinion. Now this seems to us a most dangerous position, and also a most untrue one. We do not believe for a moment that if a Minister were to appeal to the country in regard to a question which, though it seemed small, was really, in his opinion, great, he would have the slightest difficulty in obtaining public support. If a Minister in Lord Salisbury's position seriously and deliberately tells the country in regard to a matter of foreign policy that it is of importance, that instant the matter becomes important, and the nation ranges itself behind the Ministry. What the country wants on matters of foreign policy is leadership and direction. If it trusts the Foreign Minister, as it undoubtedly does Lord Salisbury, it expects and desires that he shall inform it if and when a question has become of real importance. The country knows that it cannot judge foreign politics as it judges home politics, because full information is necessarily not within its reach. Therefore it expects its agents, when it trusts them, shall lead, not follow, on external questions. Imagine an agent saying to his principal, "I think you should have taken a very firm stand on this point, and even risked a lawsuit on it; but as I know you thought the matter not worth bothering about, I refrained from pointing out its gravity to you, and advising you to hold firm." Surely an agent who spoke thus to his principal would be regarded as taking a very erroneous view of the duties of his position. No doubt it is very human to take shelter from criticism, as does Lord Salisbury, behind public opinion, but this is a most dangerous doctrine. If really acted upon, it would demoralise Ministers and destroy all confidence in the country. What the British people ought to say, and, we hold, do say, to their Ministers in regard to foreign relations is this:—"Go wisely and sensibly into all foreign questions, and then report to us what are the important points where an effort is to be made. If you have to report that this or that point is important, we will support you in regard to it, even though we should have considered it, from our lesser knowledge, a matter of little moment. Advise us according to your fuller knowledge, and we will not let any appeal from our trusted servants go unheeded." This is the only principle upon which foreign affairs can ever be safely conducted. If not, and if Ministers wait on the country, and the country waits on Ministers, for a lead as to what is important, there is certain to be a weakness, or even paralysis. Take the case of an ordinary sensible Englishman who knows nothing of the details of foreign affairs, but wants the best done for his country. He ought to be able to feel that whether the newspapers are silent or screaming, excited or indifferent, Ministers will be sure to warn him if some big matter requires to be dealt with, and not say: "He's sleepy, and so we had better not disturb him unless and until the house is actually being burgled."

But, though Lord Salisbury has given verbal support to this mischievous view, we are glad to think that he has not acted on it. We fully believe that he would warn the country if there were some matter of importance upon which it ought to take a firm stand, and not pass it over because, before it was informed, the country seemed indifferent. The real reason why he has not made a firmer stand, has not threatened war, and has not roused the country on certain minor questions, is that he himself does not regard those questions as vital,—because he regards them as trivial. It is because he knew that they were not worth fighting about, and not because he thought that the country would not back him up, that he did not raise these questions. In fact, if not in theory, he took the responsibility of deciding what were vital matters and what not, and he did well in doing so. The responsibility was no doubt great, but it was his duty to bear it, and borne it he has. Practically the passage in Lord Salisbury's speech which follows that quoted above is an admission that it is the business of the Government to decide what questions are important, and so to be prosecuted, if necessary, by war, and what are not. Lord Salisbury dwells upon the need of seeing things in their true proportion and of judging foreign policy as a whole. The "other point," says Lord Salisbury, which he would wish to draw from the year's experience is to urge on his critics that they should consider his foreign work altogether. "They should not consider this one case or this other case or this third case, but what has been the result when the whole issue is hung together. When the account books are totted up and the balance ascertained, then form your judgment, but do not form your judgment on the individual passing items. It may be quite true that there are some matters on which you do right to go to war, and yet the extreme step was not taken; but you must be sure before you take that action that there were no other possible or immediate complications within view which made it necessary to economise the force that was at the disposal of the Government. These things are matters of calculation." That is as good sense and sound judgment as was ever spoken by an English Minister, and states, we believe, the only proper principle upon which the success or failure of foreign policy can be judged. The only sound plan is to choose a wise man as Foreign Minister, and then for first the Cabinet and next the country to trust him to look at foreign affairs as a whole, to judge events and questions in their true proportions, and to give definite and precise advice—to lead the public mind, in fact. Judged by this standard, and by the plan of looking to the general result rather than to the items, we hold that the present Government has during the past year a record of which any Government might be proud. Lord Salisbury has steered the ship under the most difficult circumstances and in very troubled and dangerous waters without a single mishap. Consider for a moment what his year's achievement has been. In the first place, by his firm yet unexciting and unprovocative policy during the international crisis that preceded the American-Spanish War, Lord Salisbury avoided a collision with the Continental Powers, and yet entirely neutralised the attempts then made to form a coalition against America. The result was the beginning of a real and lasting understanding with America. His handling of the China crisis was equally masterly. In spite of all the screaming and complaining, of the talk of Russian aggression, and of the alleged utter ruin of British trade, Lord Salisbury kept his head and refused to plunge into a perfectly useless war—a war which would have been as idiotic as that waged in the Crimea. The result has been that not a single British interest has been really injured, that our position in China is in no way impaired, and that peace has been maintained. In West Africa we have without war made an arrangement which gives, if not all we asked, or perhaps all that we had a right to expect, all that is essential. In Egypt Lord Salisbury has apparently been silent, but in reality our rule there has been immensely consolidated without any complications having arisen with France. We have raised our own flag in the Soudan, and we have granted British money for Egyptian objects, and France has not tried to hinder us, or even to get us to say that these things mean nothing. That is a result that cannot be proclaimed officially, but one which is extremely significant. In the case of Fashoda we have obliged France to withdraw, with the result that the world has learned that when they really mean business no men are so unyielding as a British Cabinet. Take, lastly, Crete. Here, by means of patience, tact, and firmness, Lord Salisbury has beaten not only the Sultan, but all the Chancelleries of Europe, and given Crete freedom. No one abroad, except perhaps the Czar, cared the least what happened to Crete; but in spite of this indifference and the Sultan's constant twists and turns Lord Salisbury has won the day. Pure diplomacy—i.e., the diplomacy of conciliation and management—never earned a greater triumph. The result is that England is recognised as the helper of the misgoverned subjects of the Porte.

Taken as a whole, then, our Government can show a year of substantial successes in foreign policy. They have won a triumph in a field far greater than that of diplomacy by helping the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race to understand each other. They have refused to plunge into a mad war in the case of China. They have shown, when that was required, iron firmness, i.e., in the case of Fashoda. When what was wanted (as in Crete) was pure diplomacy and management, they have used effectively diplomacy of the most persuasive and delicate kind. The result is that at this moment England's position in the world is one of enormous strength and influence. Judged by what it has done, and still more by what it has avoided doing, the Administration is worthy of our fullest confidence. Lord Salisbury need not excuse his policy by inferring that he was obliged to wait upon public opinion. His actions want no such excuse, but carry with them their own defence.

ROYAL LETTERS FROM BABYLON.

Under the auspices of the British Museum, Mr. King, of the Department of Oriental Antiquities, has collected a series of ancient documents relating to the time of Khammurabi, King of Babylon, about B.C. 2200. A few years ago (says the "London Standard") the dark hiding-place of Dier-el-Bahri yielded up the bodies of the greatest of the Egyptian Pharaohs, and in February of this year some more of these august rulers of Nile land were recovered at Thebes. But it is in the field of Oriental literature that the greatest of our recent discoveries have been made. Nothing has been so astonishing as the universality of the literary remains. It is not only Royal records, or a few votive inscriptions, telling us, in grandiloquent terms, the mighty deeds of some Babylonian or Egyptian ruler, that have been brought to light. The literature of these records of the past is more extensive and wide embracing in its character, and the astonishing fact is revealed that more than 20 centuries before the Christian Era the art of writing was not confined to the classes, but had been acquired by a large portion of the masses. Formerly the earliest record of letter writing was the treacherous missive sent to Joab by the hand of Uriah the Hittite, which may approximately be placed about B.C. 1000. Still, there was little indication that the attainment of this power was general at this period, or in the later age of Solomon.

The first definite discovery of the literature of correspondence was the great find of cuneiform tablets at Tel-el-Amarna, in Middle Egypt, which contained the letters and despatches sent to Amenophis III. and the heretic King Khuenaten by the Rulers or Governors of Syria, Palestine, and North Mesopotamia. In this collection, consisting of about 300 tablets, were letters of the Egyptian King, the Kings of Babylon and Mittani or Aram Nahraim, and from private individuals—all revealing a most unexpected state of literary activity in Western Asia—long before the Israelite conquest of Palestine. These letters, written in a script which was the commercial hand of the Babylonians in the time of the Arabian dynasty, about B.C. 2300, indicate that Babylonian influence had been predominant for more than seven centuries over Syria, and that in trade and commerce, as exemplified by the purchase of Machpelah, the laws of Babylon and the cuneiform writing were in use. The letters from Tel-el-Amarna may be dated about B.C. 1500-1450, and are thus five centuries older than the letter of David; but even these are not the oldest examples of letter writing. Some ten years ago a most important find of tablets was made by native diggers in Babylonia. The site from which they were obtained was the mound of Tel-Sifr, the site of the ancient city of Larsa —the Ellasar of Genesis xiv. This city, about B.C. 2300, was of great importance. The whole of the land had been swept by a terrible invasion of the Elamites, and both Erech and Ur being destroyed, a temporary capital was established at Larsa. But a new power was rising, which eventually was to found for ever the great Babylonian Empire. The gradual infiltration of the Arabs into Babylonia had been going on for centuries, and at last an Arab Dynasty established itself in Babylonia, making Babylon its centre. Gradually, by the wonderful organising power which the Semites have always shown, they established themselves as rulers of the whole land, and in B.C. 2230 the great King Khammurabi—whom there is much reason to regard as the Amraphel of Genesis xiv.—was King paramount over all Babylonia, and claimed for himself the title of "builder of the Empire."

Among the inscriptions found at Tel-Sifr are a number of letters, 46 of which are written by Khammurabi to the petty ruler of the city of Larsa. These letters, then, carry us back more than seven centuries in the history and antiquity of letter-writing. The importance of this discovery, now developed by Mr. Leonard King, is very great, as they come as contemporary and confirmatory records of this most important period in Oriental history. Written on little clay tablets about 3in. long and 2in. wide, they are certainly the oldest letters in the world. Their value is much enhanced by the fact that they belong to a period to which there is every reason to assign the date of the migration of Abram. To the subject of Biblical historical criticism they are of great importance. At the Church Congress at Norwich, in 1895, it was announced, with great excitement that the names of Chedorlaomer, Arioch, Amraphel, and the other Kings of Mesopotamia, against whom Abram fought, as recorded in Genesis xiv., had been discovered upon a Babylonian tablet. A great controversy at once began, Professors Sayce and Hommel taking the monumental side against the higher critical school. The careful examination of the tablets, by scholars with no prejudged theories showed that the unbaked clay tablets in the museum certainly were not older than the time of Darius Hystaspes (B.C. 521), and so broken in condition that no dependence could be placed on their translation. Moreover, the names found upon them could only, by the allowance of the greatest elasticity, be made to approximate to the Hebrew names. In 1896, however, an astonishing discovery was announced by Father Scheil, who published a tablet which he had copied in the Imperial Ottoman Museum at Constantinople. In this he states that we have a letter from the Babylonian King Khammurabi to the lesser King Sin-iddina of Larsa, "in which he thanks him for his bravery in the day of Kudurlagamar," or Chedorlaomer. This seemed to settle matters. The letters which the museum obtained were also letters written to Sin-iddina, and from them we are enabled to put an entirely new aspect on the question.

On the first examination of the tablets Mr. King was struck with the resemblance which the name copied by Scheil presented to the name of a Babylonian General mentioned in the Museum letters. A copy of the Constantinople letter being obtained by photographs, it was shown that the name of Kudurlagamar did not exist, but that of Inukh-Samar, a Babylonian General instead. It is now found that there are three tablets which form a series relating to an important war with Elam, probably late in the reign of Khammurabi. One of them refers to the capture of certain Elamite statues of goddesses, and the Babylonian King writes to his subordinate requesting them to be sent to Babylon. In this letter we read:—"To Siniddina thus speaks Khammurabi (the King) Zikha-ilı-su, and Khammurabi-bani the Vizier in regard to the goddesses as messengers I send. As in a temple the goddesses in barks (sacred ships) cause them to ride. To Babylon may they bring them. The female bodyguard after them let them be brought. For the offerings of the goddesses let four fat rams be provided. Appoint a bodyguard. The goddesses to Babylon may they bring in safety; let them not delay. Quickly in Babylon may they arrive." The next tablet in the series in the one published by Scheil. The statues having arrived in Babylon, some evil appears to have happened, which was attributed to their anger, and so the King desires to return them to their native shrines. But this must be done in such a way as not to display weakness—and thus the King's orders are as follows:—"To Sin-iddina speaks thus Khammurabi (the King).—The goddesses of Elam which are entrusted to thee, the troops under the command of Inukh-Samar will bring safely to thee, with the troops that are in thy hands attack the people (Elamites), and the goddesses to their shrines let them go in safety." It is evident that force had to be employed to restore the divinities to their shrine. The military genius of this ancient King is well shown in these letters. In one he writes that certain men who were sent guards of the great gate had not gone to their post—"Send," he says, "and let them bring these men to them and place a guard over them, and send them to Babylon." In another letter he writes: "For the troops of Imgur Bel and under the command of Rimmanirish. Sent teams, let them be brought, and a march make. Let them arrive in two days."

The King seems to have centralised all judicial and military authority in himself. A number of the letters relate to exorbitant loans, in which the debtor appeals to the King, who orders the parties to be sent to him. It would require too much space to do justice to this wonderful collection, but they show how highly developed was the system of central government in Babylonia, and how it was by letters and despatches that the ruler communicated with his subordinates 23 centuries before the Christian era. All scholars of Oriental history will be grateful to Mr. King for his making public so important a find, and his further volume, containing the translations and commentary, will be anxiously awaited.

The Fruit Industry and the Glen Innes Show are the subjects of special articles in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

OUR YORKSHIRE WOOL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A Great Contrast.—Increasing Supply of Crossbred Wool the Wide-world Over.—Its Significance to New South Wales Pastoralists.—Tussle for Wool in London.—A Great Improvement in Bradford.—Tops Rise a Penny.—Advice to Sydney Wool Houses.—Future Outlook for Wool.

BRADFORD, February 3.

Almost a revolution has taken place in wool since I last wrote; but, at the same time, the unexpected has not happened. Quietly but surely things have been working towards a head, and a grand culminating point has been reached in the close of the London wool sales yesterday. The record is all the more pleasing since it seems to me to be based on a most rational basis; and there are factors present which, if anything, spell permanence and solidarity. It can be truthfully asserted that the European situation in wool to-day has not had its rival since the palmy days of September, 1895, when all Europe was ablaze in consequence of the almost "open door" in America, when Bradford and the Continent were doing a tremendous trade in wool textiles with the States. I have just turned over some statistics, and the record and comparison was more than marvellous. I find that in 1895 Sydney ordinary scoured was quoted by Messrs. Buxton, Ronald, and Co. in July of that year at 12¼d per lb., and to-day the same class of wool is selling freely at 15d to 16d. This is, indeed, more than what one at first sight is almost prepared to believe; but one's experience comes to the rescue and confirms the truth of the statement. Therefore we say that merino wool is 25 to 30 per cent. dearer than at the lowest point of 1895, and from what one can see the end of the rise is not yet in sight. This is, indeed, creditable. One pleasing feature is worthy of mention, and that is, at last (and the process has been slow and difficult) the trade is becoming alive to the true meaning of the reports which continue to reach us from your side. When, nearly two years ago, accounts were given of the losses of sheep resulting from the droughts of the previous two seasons, the quidnuncs thought that the views of the situation then expressed were pessimistic, and that the worst effect would merely be a check in the annual rate of increase in the supply of wool. When the prophecy was hazarded that the prices for merinos and fine crossbreds must advance considerably on account of the short supply it was said that we took an optimistic view of probable prices. Unfortunately our information as to the effects of the seasons on the flocks were only too well founded. Substantial, however, as is the advance from the low prices of two years ago, there is no reason for thinking that prices have yet seen their highest for these qualities. The statistical position of holders continues to gain strength. All my advices go to show that so far from there being any increase from your side this year there will, on the contrary, be another considerable shrinkage. This is indeed ominous, and already it has exercised some considerable influence on the market here for wool.

There can be no doubt that the question of supply and demand in wool is one that is commanding more attention to-day at the hands of users than ever it did. One of the principals of the "Bradford Observer" has given this week a very intelligent lecture on "Sidelights of the Bradford Trade" before the Bradford Textile Society, and in his remarks he made some potent references to the tremendous increase in crossbred wool.

The statements he made are very familiar with every reader of the "Morning Herald," and everyone is agreed that for some time past it has become increasingly evident that the proportion of merino wool was steadily declining, while at the same time there was going on a rapid and enormous increase in the volume of crossbred wool. The frozen meat trade is largely accountable for this, and a few facts relating to that trade and its relation on the supply of merino wool will be strictly in order here.

In 1880 some 400 carcases of sheep were successfully imported in refrigerating chambers from Australia. Next year 17,000 carcases were brought over, and so encouraging was the result of these early attempts that in five years 777,000 carcases were imported, of which 190,000 came from the River Plate. This trade has continued to develop at an enormous rate, until last year 6,422,153 frozen sheep and lambs were landed in British ports and consumed in this country. This startling total means nearly 10lb. of mutton or lamb for every man, woman, or child in Great Britain and Ireland in the course of the year, and the daily consumption in this country of 18,000 carcases. In order to bring this enormous increase home to the minds of your readers in rather more orderly fashion, it will be seen that the period from 1880, when the importations began, to the close of 1898, very nearly covered 20 years. Dividing this into three quinquennial periods and one period of four years, the average number of carcases imported annually in each of these periods was as follows:—

From 1880-1884 the yearly average was 153,635 carcases; from 1885-1889 the yearly average was 1,529,600 carcases; from 1890-1894 the yearly average was 3,005,119 carcases; from 1895-1898 the yearly average was 6,838,843 carcases.

The number for the last year was, as already stated, in round figures, 6,500,000. Now these 6,500,000 carcases represent at least 26,000,000 of lambs or sheep alive or dead at any one moment, and it should be noted that these are all crossbred sheep, for the merino is altogether too puny an animal to be worth the attention of the butcher. Now the crossbred is, however, a much heavier animal, and the importers, for the purposes of their calculation, represent the average weight of the crossbred carcase at 56lb. Now, reckoning the average crossbred sheep to carry a fleece of 8lb., these 26,000,000 sheep destined for this market as mutton accounted for an annual clip carried by mutton sheep, and which, as fleece, slipe, or skin wool, must come on the European market every year.

Probably the grower gets on the average somewhere about 5d per lb. for this wool, which comes to the not inconsiderable total of £4,400,000 as his income from the year's wool. But out of his flock he sacrifices every year 6,500,000 animals, for which he gets paid as mutton or lamb, say, 3d per lb., which is by no means an excessive price. As each carcase weighs on the average 56lb., this gives him an annual return of £4,500,000 for his mutton, and his gross income is thus close upon £9,000,000 sterling. But supposing he said to himself, "I see that merino wool is fetching double the price of crossbred, I will keep only merino sheep," he would have a flock of 26,000,000 sheep only shearing an average fleece of about 4lb., and thus, although the wool was worth twice as much per pound, he had only half the quantity, and his return for wool was just the same as if he kept crossbreds. But he could not sell his mutton for the reason of your population being so sparse, and the export of it almost despised, so that while the merino brought in, say, £4,500,000 per year, the crossbred brought in nearly £9,000,000. This is the enormous and resistless force that is determining for us the kind of wool which we shall have to deal with in the future, for it must be quite obvious that with your sheep-growers the value per pound of their wool has come to be a very secondary consideration. Then there is the River Plate trade in frozen mutton. This is of more recent growth than your Australian trade, which has already assumed enormous proportions, the larger part of the mutton coming to the industrial towns of the North of England being from South America. For many years past the Argentine breeders have paid great attention to raising the standard of quality in their flocks and herds, and within the past 20 years 50,000 stud cattle and sheep have been exported from this country to the River Plate, as against only 2000 exported to Australasia. And, moreover, as during these years the quality of British studs had undergone a steady improvement, so the selected animals sent abroad recently represented a somewhat higher class than the animals exported some 10, 15, or 20 years ago. It is estimated that 15 years ago about 90 per cent. of the River Plate clip of wool was of merino class, and nearly 10 per cent. crossbred, whereas at the present time at least 60 per cent. are said to be crossbred and the balance merino, and it must be remembered that the process is still going on more rapidly perhaps in South America than in Australia; so that it inevitably follows that in the future we must look to a restriction in the world's growth of merino and an expansion in the growth of crossbred wools. But this is not the whole significance of these facts. In dealing with such raw products, for instance, as cotton or iron, the production might, roughly speakingly, be regarded as regulated by the demand. When prices fall the area of cotton planted will diminish, or, in the case of iron, the number of furnaces in blast will be restricted. In the case of wool, however, the prime influence at work in increasing the supply of wool is not the demand of the textile industries of the world, but the appetites and purchasing powers of the mutton-eating British working man.

From the foregoing it will be seen what we consumers have to face to-day and likely to have to face in the near future, namely, a tremendous surplus of crossbred wools, and an increasing shortage of merino wools. Hence I take it that the present is the time for New South Wales pastoralists to keep their eyes open, for this, undoubtedly, is a most critical period in the history of the wool trade of the premier colony. As I have walked the wool lofts of London valuing during a series of sales I have seen this last few years that attempts have been made to raise crossbreds by New South Wales squatters, and, judging by what I have seen I must say that with the vast majority the results have been a failure. Of course, there are exceptions, and a few New England clips of crossbred wool have shown a character of staple that compared very favourably with those grown in New Zealand; but I say again that in the majority the clip has been a mongrel one, and deficient from the root to the tip of the fibre. All this leads me to say most emphatically, leave the crossbreds alone, and stick to the old, good stand-by merinos. In the past there has been money made by the fine wools, and seeing that a fair range of values is likely to obtain for merinos for several years to come, renders it all the more imperative that fine wools should be grown in New South Wales in preference to crossbreds. I quite fully reciprocate the view entertained by several experts here, and although there is to-day a slight rally in the record low prices of crossbred wool, yet with the increasing available quantities I fail to see how it can sensibly appreciate in value; therefore, all the odds are in favour of merinos, and this should stimulate New South Wales pastoralists to devote all their energies to the development of the fine grades in preference to the coarse grades.

But as to the present standing of wool itself. There finished yesterday the first season of London sales, and the series may be characterised as "short and sharp." Beginning with a 5 per cent. rise, the market gradually hardened to 10 per cent., at which figure they have closed. In this circumstance we see to-day the real, actual standing of wool.

The series have been characterised by the most extreme competition, great animation has prevailed, and men have almost been furious in their bids. It was satisfactory to see this competition not confined to one section of buyers, but all countries, including America, appeared equally anxious to secure wool. In the midst of the struggle all New South Wales growths made as much progress as any other Australian wools, and the fact of their being "good general purpose wools" makes men anxious to secure something of merit and order. The feeling amongst buyers was that good wools will be no cheaper even if they deferred buying anything to stock until the March series, and as the best new clip wools are now on offer, men felt it the best to buy all they could. To Bradford some fair quantities will come, as plenty of topmakers are sold forward and have not a pound of wool to comb, only what they have just secured in London. With one of those peculiarities associated with America, buyers from that quarter have almost departed from their usual habit of buying fine, soft, silky, clean Western Victorians, and the best Riverina merino; and this they have "laid in" with the New Zealand crossbreds of the medium and coarse type in preference to the fine quarter and half breds. Of course, they said "they were cheap," and so while things were at their lowest they thought they would buy while they had the chance of securing good parcels at a handy price. The New Zealand growers must rejoice and feel thankful for their presence, for anything they fancied they would have it, and cheerfully paid a penny advance.

Looking more specifically at the course of wool in this premier consuming centre, all one can say is that a vast change for the better has come over the market since I last wrote. Practically speaking the market has passed out of darkness into light, out of bondage into freedom and liberty. Almost from the very first week of the new year the market pulled itself together almost bodily, and a good trade was done. In fact, I do not remember having known such a big business being done during the first two weeks of any year as what was done this, and, better still, prices began to mend nicely straight away. Spinners seemed to be under the impression that the course of the market was set dead against them, and as prices were hardening a rush was made and some tremendous weights were turned over. But topmakers had made up their minds to have some profit or not to sell, and in one week a rise on 60's tops was made of a halfpenny. This made many men of my acquaintance clear who had been holding Botany tops they had made since the last October series of London sales, and seeing a little good they wisely sold. Then, too, there is a decidedly improved feeling about trade in yarns and pieces, always a great factor in determining what the wool and top trade should be like. With the advance of time and the nearer approach of spring outside buyers naturally are making preparation for their best trade, and with an improved trade in wool textiles for America, the market continued to improve all round, while with the sharp advance in London this market received a strong impetus in all its bearings.

Dealing with more recent days, the home wool market throughout the past week has continued to exhibit the same satisfactory features that have been associated with it for the past month. Everything about it speaks of strength, and, while there is less animation, there is certainly no cessation of inquiry, and a further big business could easily be done if sellers were not so exacting in their demands. There continues to be a large sample business in operation, which probably means a continuance of liberal sales for the next few weeks. Manufacturers are unquestionably showing an increasing interest in the market, and a strong feeling prevails all round. It is noteworthy that the buying to-day is assuming a broader character all the time, and both large and small consumers, as well as speculators, are equally in evidence. As before intimated, the tone of the market is on the whole steadier, and more after the order of consolidation. There is a feeling of fear in some men's minds lest the upward movement goes too far and a setback happens, but there is no mistaking the fact that at current prices there is a market for wool, and those who are willing to accept prevailing prices have now the opportunity to move stock. Some, however, stoutly refuse to do business at prices currently quoted, and are holding out for a further advance. This mostly applies to top-makers, who affirm that rates for tops do not correspond with the cost of the raw article, and who cannot get back their own; but at the same time there are no great weights on offer, men having mostly cleared out to attend the London sales. There is more business doing in crossbreds, and prices are very firm. If anything, there is considerable movement being made by way of experiment, and men are finding out new channels in which to use the surplus stocks of crossbred wool and tops; and on the whole, perhaps more through the influence of London than anything else, crossbred wool is a shade better to sell. The best feature is that good average 40's tops are a penny dearer on the month, and it is hoped that this rise may be permanent.

The following table shows the full course of prices during the month just closed, while the best figures given represent the general asking price of merchants to-day.—

Description of staple.	Dec. 30.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 27.	Feb. 3.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Ordinary 60's, colonial tops	20	20¼	20½	20¾	21	21
Super 60's, colonial tops	21	21¼	22	22¼	22¼	22½
Ordinary 40's, colonial tops	10	10½	10½	11	11	11

We are now encountering the full weight of direct arrivals from your colonies, and it speaks volumes for the strength of the trade that everything is so very firm and sound. Our biggest top-makers are continuing to show the utmost conservatism in regard to selling large lots forward, and are content in putting down to comb a hundred bales or over and selling the result of that combing at current rates rather than contract for a thousand packs of tops to be delivered three months hence. Then many of our direct importers are selling their wool in the raw state rather than comb, for since the wool was bought on your side the market has advanced so appreciably that all arrivals can be sold to show a nice profit. In fact, our direct importers are in better heart than they have been for many years back, but this fact need not be proclaimed on the housetops. If Sydney buying houses will take my tip they will at once take a trip over here now that your quiet season is on, and while buyers here are in moderate trim. I think they could pick up a few sound orders that would benefit your Sydney houses and growers alike. Plenty of the direct arrivals have been sold in London, and should the market continue in strength, like as it is, a good deal of the wool will not come direct to Bradford at all.

The London sales closed two days ago with such firmness that I think your readers will be interested to see how matters really stand. Messrs. Charles Balme and Co. send me their circular, and they tabulate the result of the series as follows when compared with the closing prices of the previous series:—

AUSTRALASIAN.

Merino, in grease, superior	⅛d to ¼d per lb. dearer
Merino, in grease, medium	¼d per lb. dearer
Merino, in grease, inferior	Par to ⅛d per lb. dearer
Merino, scoured, superior	1d per lb. dearer
Merino, scoured, medium	½d to 1d per lb. dearer
Merino, scoured, inferior	½d to 1d per lb. dearer
Merino lambs wool, superior	Par
Crossbred, grease, fine, light	¼d to ½d per lb. dearer
Crossbred, grease, medium, light	½d per lb. dearer
Crossbred, grease, medium, heavy	⅛d per lb. dearer
Crossbred, grease, coarse	⅛d to ¼d per lb. dearer
Crossbred, washed and scoured, fine	1d per lb. dearer
Crossbred, washed and scoured, coarse	½d per lb. dearer
Crossbred, slipe, fine	½d per lb. dearer
Crossbred, sliped, coarse	½d to ¾d per lb. dearer

But what of the future? Briefly put, we look forward with strong confidence to a full continuance of the present range of values for all New South Wales grown wools. Although there is perhaps a better trade doing and likely to be in the very near future, yet as things really stand to-day trade is indifferent, although our spinners are fairly well off for work. This last month a good number of yarn orders have been placed, and some heavy weights sold, but the repeated process of spinners putting up their prices for yarns in self-defence is making manufacturers substitute crossbred yarns for merino to a certain extent. Your readers will probably learn with surprise that merino yarns have advanced to between 4d and 5d a lb. since last June, and our manufacturers of coatings, &c., cannot get any advance at all for their pieces. This is serious, and to make matters "tie" as best they can many are using a fine crossbred weft yarn in place of a fine Botany one. At the same time there is a paucity of supplies, and stocks are only small in consumers' hands, and this really is the crux to the whole matter. Then, too, there is a considerable awakening in the United States, and a many are expecting to see American buyers looking up merinos at the next series in London. This all means a continuance of prices at their present level, and although additional support may mean further advanced prices yet many will be content if the present level can be maintained for merinos. What Bradford is looking for to-day is certainly consolidation and performance, as with high rates things get dangerous and a slump inevitably follows. But if the States buyers come into the market for wool in March a rise is certain, but so far as Bradford and the Continent are concerned the rise may now be considered at the top for the present. Of course, should there be a rapid development in the manufacturing situation then a move further forward may be expected, but for the present we may look for steadiness rather than a further advance.

SYDNEY CITY MISSION PICNIC.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school in connection with the Sydney City Mission, Waterloo and Alexandria Branch, was held yesterday under most favourable weather conditions. The steamers Courier and Lobelia were busily engaged during the day taking the picnickers from Circular Quay to the rendezvous chosen, Clifton Gardens. By noon there must have been an attendance of between 1200 and 1300, including the scholars, 500 of whom are on the school roll. Amongst the visitors were:—Messrs. J. R. Dacey and George Anderson, Ms.L.A.; Alderman W. Stephens, J.P., R. Green, and Mancer; Messrs. J. Farr, D. Johnson, W. Swinburn, W. T. Coops, and A. Helton; the Rev. E. Moore (general secretary); Messrs. J. M. Main (missionary), B. Johnson (school secretary), and W. J. Johnson (school treasurer). Upon arrival at Clifton Gardens the large gathering soon dispersed itself amongst the shady retreats abounding in these picturesque grounds, and a most enjoyable day was spent in every imaginable kind of innocent amusement. The more youthful portion engaged in an impromptu programme of sports for toys and other prizes presented by numerous friends. Mr. B. Johnson, the secretary, was most indefatigable in his efforts to render the reunion enjoyable, and in which he was most successful. After a most pleasant outing the return journey was accomplished, the Quay being reached without accident. The rest of the journey was made by 'bus.

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AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN V. REST OF AUSTRALIA.

BRILLIANT BATTING BY HILL AND DARLING.

VICTORY FOR AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN BY SEVEN WICKETS.

The above match entered upon its fifth and concluding day yesterday, and the Eleven for England secured its first victory of the tour by the big margin of seven wickets and three runs. When play closed on the previous day the Rest of Australia had a lead of 199 runs and had two wickets to fall. Before the innings closed the score had reached the very creditable total of 527, strange to say, the exact figures of the first venture of the Australian Eleven. Therefore the latter had to get one run more than than the Rest of Australia's first innings to win, and that was done, thanks to brilliant displays by Darling (104) and Hill (101 not out), with the loss of but three wickets. The attendance was very small, about 1000 being present, paying £30, which increased the total takings to £950.

JOHNS AND CONINGHAM PLAY UP WELL.

A bright sunshine and a cool north-easterly breeze prevailed when at 11 o'clock the over-night not out Coningham was accompanied to the wickets by Johns. The early start was made so as to admit of the contest being finished in time for the two teams to pack up and catch the evening's express train for Melbourne, where the second so-called test match is to start on Friday. The total was 478, and it was anticipated that with Johns and M'Kibbin to follow the two wickets would soon be accounted for. However, Coningham and Johns defended so well that the 500 was soon hoisted. The spectators had their enthusiasm aroused, even though there was a beggarly array of empty benches. Howell in the morning contented himself with slow deliveries, not varying them even with a medium ball, and consequently the batsmen soon set to work and caused his four wickets for 118 to jump to 142 without any further wicket, nor did M'Leod, though bowling with moderate dash, command much more respect than Howell. Johns on one occasion opened his shoulders to Howell and landed him on the northern asphalt track. Jones was brought on in place of Howell, and after a rather good off drive by Coningham the Adelaide express clean bowled him for 23. The retiring batsman had displayed very fair form for his 23, and the partnership had produced 48 and was dissolved at 526, one run behind the first innings total of the Australian Eleven.

THE END OF THE INNINGS.

M'Kibbin, the last man, made the totals equal, and was then bowled by M'Leod. It is obvious that the number required to avert defeat was the score obtained by the Rest of Australia in the first innings, viz., 248. The total of 527 was a splendid one, considering the array of bowling talent on the Australian Eleven side. The wickets were divided by Howell and M'Leod—four each—the latter securing the better average.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN START FOR VICTORY.

As in the previous innings, the opening partnership was Darling and Iredale, and probably it is not too much to anticipate that if both keep up their form when in England it will be the recognised initial association throughout the tour. The bowling was taken up by M'Kibbin from the northern end and Giffen from the southern. The batsmen started scoring at once off both bowlers, but with the total at 39 Iredale, in making a square cut off M'Kibbin, was brilliantly held left hand by Laver at point. The catch was loudly applauded, and everyone admitted Laver's excellence in that position.

GRAND CRICKET BY HILL AND DARLING.

Hill and Darling, the two South Australian left-handers, were now together, and so easily did they meet the opposing bowling that there really seemed no reason why they should not knock off the runs without further loss, unless an accident happened. At 74 each bowler had 37 runs against his name, and here Giffen retired in favour of Giller, and at 74 Coningham displaced M'Kibbin, but the scoring continued. Giller not having done anything in the direction of a separation Laver was brought to the bowling crease at 96, and in his first over the century appeared as the result of an hour and a quarter's work. At this Pye displaced Coningham, and with his first missed Darling's leg stump, but the next ball yielded a single, which made the Australian Eleven captain 50. Hill was quickly gaining on his comrade, and stood at 45 when Darling was 54, and in the next over off Laver Hill caused the board to show 54 each. At luncheon they were still in possession, and the total was 129, Hill 55, Darling 56.

TWO CENTURIES RECORDED.

On resuming Giffen for some reason thought it advisable to bowl Graham at the southern end. As the result of three overs 23 runs were added to the total. Then Darling punished M'Kibbin very severely. One stroke—a terrific off-drive—found its course to the boundary blocked by Coningham's shin; and though it was no laughing matter to the fieldsman, who would no doubt rather have let the ball go for four, still those in the field and the spectators were amused at Coningham's antics. Laver and Reedman were resorted to, and Darling then got his century, but with 104 against his name he lifted the Victorian straight—a beautiful hit—to the cycle track, but Pye, judging the catch perfectly, backed up the banking and took the ball prettily. Two for 193. Darling hit no fewer than 17 fours. At the start he was a trifle slow, but after lunch he gave a most aggressive display.

GREGORY'S SHORT STAY.

Gregory and Hill became associated when there were 54 required to win, and the new comer commenced with a leg glance in the direction of the smokers' reserve. Hill, when 78, gave Johns a chance of stumping off Reedman, but the ball evidently kept somewhat low, and thus this opportunity of reducing the Australian Eleven's victory by one wicket was neglected. In the following over, however, Johns made amends by securing Gregory off Reedman, and the third wicket fell for 218, the contribution of the retiring batsman being 10.

THE FINISH.

Worrall saw Hill get into the nineties, and interest now centred in the latter's approach to the hundred. A couple of substantial pulls advanced him to 96. There were now 11 required, and Worrall had the strike. A 4 for an off drive was the only result, Worrall evidently being satisfied to block the remainder to admit of Hill getting his century, which the first ball of the next over produced. Three were now wanted. Hill got 1 and Worrall hit a 4, and thus the Australian Eleven won the first match of the tour by seven wickets and three runs. Hill was 101 not out, a compilation that included 12 fours. He was particularly severe all round the wicket, and gave but one chance, that to Johns. Laver, Reedman, and M'Kibbin each secured a wicket.

Scores:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.—First Innings.

J. Darling, c Graham, b Coningham	36
F. Iredale, run out	85
C. Hill, c Pye, b Coningham	76
S. E. Gregory, c Johns, b Laver	22
J. Worrall, c Trumper, b M'Kibbin	32
M. A. Noble, c M'Kibbin, b Coningham	111
C. M'Leod, c Johns, b Giffen	17
J. J. Kelly, not out	102
H. Trumble, c Giller, b M'Kibbin	24
E. Jones, c Coningham, b M'Kibbin	2
W. P. Howell, c Coningham, b M'Kibbin	5
Byes 1, leg-byes 10, wides 2, no-balls 2	15
Total	527

Bowling Analysis.—M'Kibbin, 22·1 overs, 68 runs, 4 wickets, 1 wide; Pye, 23 overs, 4 maidens, 93 runs; Coningham, 26 overs, 3 maidens, 113 runs, 3 wickets; Giller, 20 overs, 3 maidens, 60 runs, 1 wide; Giffen, 22 overs, 2 maidens, 81 runs, 1 wicket; Laver, 18 overs, 2 maidens, 61 runs, 1 wicket; Reedman, 20 overs, 26 runs, 2 no-balls; Trumper, 2 overs, 9 runs.

REST OF AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

J. C. Reedman, c Kelly, b Trumble	51
J. F. Giller, c Gregory, b Noble	28
V. Trumper, c Kelly, b Noble	6
F. Laver, c Trumble, b M'Leod	30
H. Donnan, b Jones	28
H. Graham, b Jones	3
G. Giffen, b Howell	67
L. W. Pye, b Jones	4
A. Coningham, b Howell	21
A. Johns, c Kelly, b Trumble	1
T. R. M'Kibbin, not out	0
Byes, 2; leg-byes, 2; wides, 2; no-balls, 3	9
Total	248

Bowling Analysis.—Jones, 28 overs, 5 maidens, 62 runs, 3 wickets; Noble, 29 overs, 6 maidens, 58 runs, 2 wickets, 1 wide; Howell, 16·3 overs, 7 maidens, 26 runs, 2 wickets; M'Leod, 24 overs, 7 maidens, 52 runs, 1 wicket, 3 no-balls; Trumble, 29 overs, 10 maidens, 41 runs, 2 wickets, 1 wide.

Second Innings.

J. C. Reedman, c and b Howell	108
J. F. Giller, c Gregory, b M'Leod	43
V. Trumper, run out	46
F. Laver, c Kelly, b Howell	136
H. Donnan, c Trumble, b M'Leod	22
H. Graham, b Howell	21
G. Giffen, b Howell	59
L. W. Pye, b M'Leod	28
A. Coningham, b Jones	23
A. Johns, not out	24
T. M'Kibbin, b M'Leod	1
Sundries	16
Total	527

Bowling Averages.—Jones, 31 overs, 3 maidens, 110 runs, 1 wicket; Howell, 46 overs, 11 maidens, 142 runs, 4 wickets; Trumble, 24 overs, 6 maidens, 65 runs, 2 no balls; Noble, 26 overs, 2 maidens, 99 runs, 1 wide, 1 no ball; M'Leod, 40·2 overs, 10 maidens, 94 runs, 4 wickets.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.—Second Innings.

Iredale, c Laver, b M'Kibbin	14
Darling, c Pye, b Laver	104
Hill, not out	101
Gregory, c Johns, b Reedman	10
Worrall, not out	16
Sundries	6
Three wickets for	251

Bowling Analysis.—M'Kibbin, 6 overs, 1 maiden, 66 runs, 1 wicket; Giffen, 9 overs, 0 maidens, 39 runs, 0 wickets; Giller, 5 overs, 1 maiden, 15 runs, 0 wickets; Coningham, 5 overs, 1 maiden, 0 wickets; Laver, 13·5 overs, 3 maidens, 83 runs, 1 wicket; Pye, 3 overs, 11 runs, 0 wickets; Reedman, 9 overs, 2 maidens, 23 runs, 1 wicket; Graham, 3 overs, 23 runs, 0 wickets.

The Australian Eleven thus won by seven wickets and 3 runs.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE PLAYERS.

The Australian Eleven and the team to represent the Rest of Australia in the match at Melbourne, commencing on Friday, left by express train last night. As this was the last occasion that the Eleven would be seen before leaving for England there was a large crowd of friends and cricketers on the station to bid good-bye, and wish the players "good luck." As the train moved out hearty cheers were given.

PYE TAKES DONNAN'S PLACE.

Yesterday H. Donnan reported to the local representative of the selection committee, Mr. T. W. Garrett, that he would be unable to make the trip to Melbourne, and after Mr. Garrett had communicated with the other selectors L. W. Pye was appointed to fill the vacancy, and he left with the rest last night. The eleven to represent the Rest of Australia will not be decided upon till the team reaches Melbourne.

The selectors of the Australian Eleven stated to a "Herald" representative that the team for England would not be chosen till after the Melbourne match.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the board of directors was held at the boardroom, Macquarie-street, on Tuesday, 7th instant. There were present—The president (Sir Arthur Renwick), Messrs. John Pope and Michael Chapman (vice-presidents), Mr. James Ewan (hon. treasurer), Messrs. Alex. Deane, J. T. Wilshire, G. N. Griffiths, Jas. Stedman, M. Harris, M.L.A., R. N. Sheridan, the Hon. Dr. Mackellar, M.L.C., W. H. Flavelle, A. C. Shadler, D. Fell, the Hon. Robert Fowler, M.L.C., Sydney Burdekin, J. Hourigan, Dr. Graham, M.L.A., Dr. Jenkins, and Dr. W. C. M'Clelland (medical superintendent). The accounts for February amounting to £1742 were passed for payment. The following gentlemen were reappointed to their respective positions on the hon. medical staff, viz.:—Dr. Jarvie Hood, hon. physician; Dr. F. W. Hall, hon. assistant physician; Dr. W. H. Goode, hon. surgeon; Dr. H. L. Maitland, hon. assistant surgeon; Dr. Ralph Worrall, hon. gynæcological surgeon; Dr. George Armstrong, hon. assistant gynæcological surgeon; Dr. A. J. Brady, hon. aural surgeon; Dr. W. C. Wilkinson, hon. assistant aural surgeon; Dr. Sydney Jamieson, director of the pathological department; Dr. Gordon M'Leod, hon. assistant ophthalmic surgeon; Mr. C. G. Hodgson, hon. operating dentist. Mr. W. Hamilton was reappointed honorary solicitor. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. J. T. Wilshire, who is about to make an extended visit to England. A minute was received from the house committee drawing attention to the fact that numerous alterations had from time to time been made in the bylaws, and suggesting that a sub-committee should be appointed to revise the whole of them. The minute was adopted, and the following appointed a sub-committee for the above purpose, viz.:—The president and hon. office-bearers, with Messrs. M. Harris, M.L.A., G. N. Griffiths, D. Fell, W. H. Flavelle, Dr. Graham, M.L.A., and Dr. Jenkins. The honorary auditors, Messrs. D. Fell and R. N. Sheridan, presented their report on the balance-sheet for 1898. The report, which was to the effect that the balance-sheet showed a true state of affairs at December 31 last, was adopted.

THE TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The Transit Commission met yesterday, the Mayor (Alderman M. Harris) presiding. In reference to a complaint from the tramway authorities that 'buses had blocked the way at the Sydney Cricket Ground on the coming out of the crowd, the officer in charge reported that as far as he saw there was no blocking. Mr. Edward, the registrar, reported that on account of the confined space there was bound to be some confusion on a heavy day. He suggested that assistance should be obtained from the Police Department, and that the Mayor should be asked to improve the roadway adjoining the ground. The suggestions were approved of. A resident of Arundel-terrace complained of the Leichhardt 'buses leaving their route on the Parramatta-road and going on to the terrace. The drivers stated that the roadway was so bad that it was necessary to turn up on the terrace. Permission was accordingly granted for an alteration of route.

REASONS WHY I SHALL VOTE FOR THE FEDERAL BILL AS IT IS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Having been deeply interested for more than half a century in the welfare of Australia, may I crave publicity to most of my reasons why I shall heartily vote for the Federal Bill at the forthcoming referendum?

Because of the danger that if we do not federate at this opportunity there will be small chance of ever getting a better bill, if any at all, and a very probable civil war among the colonies be the result, or possibly each of them in detail be harrassed or captured by a foreign enemy.

Because I always believed most solemnly that no colony will gain so much by federation as New South Wales, because it has an almost preeminent facility for irrigation, and its broad acres of pastoral and agricultural lands contain mighty resources to be yet developed, coupled with a climate so beneficently diversified as to be capable of producing every variety of the fruits of the earth. It has, what is ever much prized for wealth production, inexhaustible fields of coal, iron, and other minerals, which cannot fail to be a certain invitation to an extensive influx of capital. The secret of England's wealth and consequent greatness may be considered mainly due to coal, iron, and limestone being abundantly found in proximity, which products, in the hands of an industrious people, whose country and commerce were so efficiently protected by a superior navy, contributed for many years to the production by Britain of more commodities than that of the whole world. New South Wales having like resources, and such a great harbour of Port Jackson, to which immense commerce must gravitate, it is safe to predict that under the expansion it will receive from federation it will progress by leaps and bounds.

Because the electors of the Commonwealth will assuredly see to it that none of the existing metropolises shall be allowed to continue the bane of centralising by the monopoly, within any of them, of the federal city, and with this condition it shall be exclusively left to the Federal Parliament to select the site regardless of all isolated agitations to the contrary. Because we shall elect to the Federal Parliament men who are well known for intellectual capacity, integrity, and liberal conceptions to such a healthy extent as will preclude narrow party politic views with which the years have made us weary in our contracted provincialism. These are the salient reasons why I shall vote for the bill, and I could say much more in its favour and but little against it but which can be easily amended. I am, &c.,

March 7. D. M'DONALD.

"THE APPEAL TO CÆSAR."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—After having lain dormant for some very considerable time the old and unfortunately for New South Wales small provincialist party has again galvanised itself into life, and proposes once again to oppose throughout the length and breadth of the colony not only the will of the people, but that cause which the majority of the people of this colony have so dearly at heart, as shown by the vote cast at the Referendum in June last, and again at the general election following—the cause of Australian national unity.

The meeting held at the Hotel Australia yesterday was significant only for one fact, namely, that the provincialist party has at last thrown off the cloak of pretending to bow to the will of the majority, and has as a last resource resolved to appeal to the nominee chamber to defeat the will of the people, as expressed by the overwhelming vote of their representatives in the popular assembly. This, Sir, at the present juncture is a most fortunate circumstance, for it will show the people of this colony exactly with what measure of respect their will, as expressed at the ballot-box, would be treated were the provincialist party and its nominee allies to gain the upper hand.

After bringing out all the old property bogies possessed by this most liberal and progressive party, having dangled them before the eyes of an admiring and sympathetic audience, Sir George Dibbs announces to his delighted hearers that "the whole force in fighting the bill must be devoted to strengthening the hands of the Legislative Council . . . . . and show the Legislative Council that there was not that unanimity amongst the people which the action of the House of Assembly might seem to indicate." Now, Sir, during the late federation campaign the provincialist party made use of many misrepresentations and very questionable tactics to defeat the will of the majority of the people, but I venture to say that no clearer note of defiance of the will of the majority, as expressed by themselves at the ballot box, and by their representatives in Parliament, was ever uttered by any provincialist than that contained in the two sentences I have just quoted.

Sir George Dibbs, the apostle of Liberalism and the "one man one vote" theory, asks his hearers by money, time, and assistance to strengthen the hands of the Council. For what purpose, pray? Is it to strengthen the hands of that body so that it may assist New South Wales at last to keep that faith with the other colonies, which she has so often been accused of breaking in the past; is it to strengthen them to pass into law the most just and liberal Constitution yet put before the people of any country; or is it to strengthen their hands in giving effect to the will of the majority of the people of this colony, as expressed by them with no uncertain sound on two separate occasions? No, Sir, it is not. It is to urge the Legislative Council to upset the will of the people and their desire for federation, as expressed yet a third time through their representatives in the popular Chamber, and by appealing to the narrowest ideas of self-interest to delay the cause of Australian unity and national progress as long as possible.

In conclusion I would like to remind Sir George Dibbs and his friends of an oft-quoted and very true saying of Abraham Lincoln's: "You can fool some of the people all the time; you can fool all the people some of the time; but you can't fool all the people all the time."

I am, &c.,

March 1. R. ANNESLEY BILLING.

The Clyde Engineering Works are admirably and fully illustrated in the "Mail" of this week. Among the pictures is a page group of workmen, which gives hundreds of portraits. The description of the works is by "Sylvan."—Advt.

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ENGLISH MAIL NEWS.

At the village of Warpuhnen-bei-Rhein, in Germany, while a large number of people were skating the ice broke, and over 20 children are said to have been drowned.

The Vienna correspondent of the "Times" hears that a large native bank at Johannesburg has addressed an application to a private firm in Vienna for samples and prices of the rifle formerly in use in the Austro-Hungarian army, a certain number of which are still in possession of the War Office authorities. The purchase in contemplation is one of 60,000 rifles.

A Central News telegram from New York on January 27 says:—The "Sun" this morning publishes a terrible story of the fate of a number of miners returning from Alaska. They were proceeding from the copper mines to the south and encountered severe weather on the journey. Supplies ran short, and their sufferings were frightful. Twenty of them were frozen to death.

Buyers from London, Paris, Belfast, and Antwerp are reported by the New York correspondent of the "Morning Post" to be in the United States with a commission to purchase 10,000 omnibus horses. They are now at Chicago, and are paying from 100dol. to 500dol. a horse.

Nine employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway have been buried beneath an avalanche which swept down the side of Rogers' Pass. The telegraph wires (says a London "Daily Mail" telegram) are all broken for half a mile, and the station destroyed. The stationmaster, his wife and two children, and three other lives were lost. Two men were rescued.

Shuchou, the third most important city in the province of An-hui, is now besieged by 10,000 well-armed rebels (a London "Daily Mail" telegram says). The Imperial General is unsuccessfully trying to recapture Ku-Yang. He was defeated on January 23, losing 2000 men. If Shuchou falls, all the northern and central portions of An-hui will be at the mercy of the rebels. Shuchou is situated 130 miles north by west of Nanking.

Early on the morning of January 27, as a police-constable named Barrow was passing the Feathers Inn, Brentwood (England), he noticed that the place was on fire. He quickly aroused the inmates and gallantly rescued several children of the family, who all escaped in their night-dresses. The fire brigade turned out promptly, but the inn was gutted. Owing to the intense cold the firemen quickly became coated with ice, and the water froze as it ran away.

In an interview with the London "Daily Mail," the editor of "Dod's Peerage" states that the late Earl Poulett denied ever having lived with the pilot's daughter as her husband, and it was both a curious and significant fact that the child born at Grove Cottage, Southsea, in December, 1849 (the present organ-grinding claimant), was registered by his mother as William Turnour Thomas, "Turnour" being the name of the man with whom she was alleged to have lived in Dublin.

The "Neues Wiener Tagblatt" publishes a sensational report concerning the missing Archduke John, who took the name of John Orth, and was generally believed to have been lost in the wreck of the Santa Margherita off the coast of South America. The wreck of this vessel was recently denied, and now it is asserted that the Archduke never was wrecked, and that he is living on a remote island in the Southern Pacific. There he is carrying out as far as possible the customs and practices of Robinson Crusoe. A Croatian sailor, his former coxswain, acts as his man Friday. Several South American natives who shipped with him recognise him as a monarch.

A Reuter's message to the "Pall Mall Gazette" from New York on February 1 says:—"The following telegram has been received here from Havana: 'It is understood that as the Cuban military chiefs decisively refuse to accept 3,000,000dol. as complete satisfaction of the claims of the soldiery, it has been decided at Washington to offer much more, even as much as 15,000,000dol., if less be not accepted. Whatever be the sum agreed upon, it will be charged on the revenues of the island. The Cubans are aware that such an engagement may prolong the American occupation, but as it seems to be their earnest wish that the army should be paid a great sum, the Administration at Washington yields, and will open negotiations with this ultimate object.'"

The German Emperor has (says the Berlin correspondent of the "Standard") presented all the regiments of the Guards, and every regiment whose honorary colonel he is, with a copy of the work containing the history of all the conquered colours and standards. His Majesty has requested the sculptor Magnussen to make a statue of the Elector Joachim, the second "Hector," for the Avenue of Victory in the Thiergarten. He was not able to award a prize to any of the competitors for the completion of an antique Greek torso, which he had proposed for this year. The number of the competitors was very small this time, only five, against 50 last year.

A horrible story of shipwreck and cannibalism has reached Vancouver, British Columbia, says a London "Daily Mail" telegram. The ship Mambare, bound for Sydney, Australia, foundered off New Guinea in a hurricane on December 11. The crew reached the shore, where they were seized by natives and hurried to a village in the interior. There the whole tribe engaged in a wild cannibal orgie. Even the old women and children joined in torturing the victims, gouging out their eyes and lacerating their flesh. Two were roasted alive. Some were beheaded, and their heads were paraded on poles before their comrades, who stoically watched the preparations for their own death. One man, James Green, escaped, and reached the coast.

Just for the novelty of the thing (telegraphs the New York correspondent of the London "Morning Leader") Pastor Jennings, on January 31, in Elmira, married Harry Rautz by telephone to Nellie Maxwell, in Williamsport, which is 80 miles distant. The pastor is in hot water, and the lawyers are discussing the legality of the matter. Another eccentric wedding took place recently at St. Peter's Church, New York, when an artillery officer named Lolloway was married to a lady named Martha Washington. The happy pair, the bridesmaids, the best man, the pastor, Mr. Roche, and 12 brother officers of the bridegroom, who were present, were all over 6ft. tall. In order to preserve the record in its completeness no others were admitted to the ceremony.

After the usual salutations, Leo XIII. asked the Duke of Connaught at his Royal Highness's reception at the Vatican to be informed of the state of health of Queen Victoria. He had learnt, he said, that the Queen was shortly about to proceed to Nice, and that had been an assurance for him that her Majesty was in good health. This was extremely gratifying to him. Queen Victoria was one of the best safeguards of peace, and on that account God blessed her with good health. His Holiness (a London "Daily Mail" telegram says) requested the Duke to convey to the Queen his high regard for her Majesty, to which his Royal Highness responded by thanking the Pope for his kindly expressions. The visit lasted 20 minutes.

The special correspondent of the "Morning Post" at Chung-king telegraphs:—"Father Fleury, the French missionary, who was captured by the Szechuan rebels, and who was released a few days ago, has arrived here. The period of his captivity covered 200 days. In an interview which I have had with him, Father Fleury stated that the rebels marched him hither and thither during their raids. He was thus compelled to witness murders, outrages, and all the other excesses which follow in the train of a barbarian insurrection. The Rev. C. H. Parsons, of the Church of England Mission, was attacked by a body of marauding militiamen in the neighbourhood of Chung-king. He was seriously maltreated; indeed, he but narrowly escaped with his life. The British Consul has obtained the punishment of several officials at Kwei-yang for their share in contributing to the murder of Mr. Fleming. The actual culprit, who is the commander of the local militia, however, has not been arrested."

The "Telegraph's" New York correspondent reports that the "Herald" "gives an accurate forecast of the forthcoming report of the War Investigation Commission appointed by the President. As was expected, the document gives a thorough coat of whitewash to every department and to every official connected with the White House clique, including the War Department and Secretary Alger, Commissary Eagan, the Medical Department, and Surgeon-General Sternberg, not only exonerating them from all blame, but lavishing praise upon them. General Miles and Inspector-General Breckenridge are made the scapegoats; but the people will not stand this, and a full and free investigation by a committee of Congress must inevitably follow." The "New York World's" Washington correspondent telegraphs as follows:—"I am informed on the most reliable authority that the verdict of the court-martial on Commissary-General Eagan will be that the prisoner is guilty on both counts, and that the sentence will be dismissal from the service, with no recommendation to mercy or clemency on the part of the Executive. The Court was unanimous at the first ballot. The findings have not been publicly announced, and are as yet not formally approved."

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AT GOAT ISLAND.

At the Balmain Council, over which the Mayor (Alderman H. Mills, J.P.) presided, on Tuesday night, Alderman C. Taylor, on a motion of privilege, drew attention to the explosion that had occurred at Toulon, as recorded in the press a few days ago, and intimated that he had been informed by a gentleman holding a fairly high position that Goat Island, in close proximity to Balmain, had enough explosives stored there not only to seriously affect the borough, but also the city proper. He urged that a communication be sent from the council to the Premier on the subject. Alderman Robert Campbell stated that when he first entered the council he had a resolution carried calling attention to the same matter; but the answer received by the aldermen was that there was no danger. Alderman Wheeler stated that he lived not very far from where these explosives were stored, and urged that some action should be taken. Alderman Milne fully concurred as to the danger of this storage of explosives so close to Balmain, stating that it was placed there on account of easy access to the metropolis. He suggested that Newington should be selected, so that all the explosives should be together. It was agreed that a communication be written to the proper authorities drawing their attention to the danger, and asking that steps be taken to remove it.

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The skin has a natural fat of its own, and it is this alone which will keep it supple and smooth. Toilet "Lanoline" is the natural fat of the skin. Toilet "Lanoline" and "Lanoline" are sold everywhere.—Advt.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING THE CITY.

A sitting of the electric lighting committee of the City Council was held yesterday afternoon, under the presidency of the Mayor (Alderman Matthew Harris, M.L.A.). Mr. P. B. Elwell, consulting engineer to the Railways, stated that a little while ago he visited France, Italy, Austria, Belgium, and England. He visited several stations that were supplying electric light only. He came to the conclusion that all the schemes of electric lighting which he saw in Europe would, if they were not paying, pay in the course of a year or two. He explained a scheme whereby, by the employment of accumulators erected in various parts of the city, the surplus electric power generated at the tramway power-house might be made available for lighting the city. The cost of these distributing centres would be about £10,000, and the cost of distribution would be about £15,000. The Railway Commissioners would be able to sell the electricity to the corporation at the works at a maximum of 1d per unit. The power-house was favourably situated in every way. They had not water frontage, but they had the railway running to the power-house. The area of the site was 2½ acres. The power-house covered about three-quarters of an acre of land. The remainder of the land was available for an extension of the plant. The power-house cost £30,000. They had expended about £60,000 in machinery. The horse power was about 5000. He thought it would be necessary to put down 2000 more horse power within the next three years, because many extensions of tramlines were talked of. Mr. Lacey's report seemed to be fairly well drawn up, but he did not think that gentleman had allowed sufficient for the cost of distribution. He thought that from 1d to 1½d per unit would cover the cost of distribution. If the light was sold at 6d per unit the corporation could successfully compete against gas at 4s per thousand feet, but he could see no reason why the cost to the consumer should not be much less than 6d per unit. The council, if it obtained its electricity from the railway power-house, could afford to sell at an average price of 3d per unit. He recommended them to try the experiment of getting the power from the Railway Commissioners before they embarked upon a scheme of their own. The traffic fluctuated very much. Whilst at one time in the day it might be very great, throughout the rest of the day it might be very light, and it was a pity for the electric power not to be used in some way. It could not, however, be dispensed with, lest a sudden rush might at any time occur.

Alderman W. P. Manning, speaking with reference to the Act bearing upon the electric lighting of the city, suggested that the city solicitor be invited to go through the matter for the information of the committee.

The town clerk (Mr. J. R. Palmer) intimated that they were just in receipt of a communication from the Australian Gaslight Company, sent by Mr. R. J. Lukey, secretary, at the direction of the board, for the information of the Council, in which was annexed an extract from the "Journal of Gas Lighting" with reference to Liverpool, England, a city with about 800,000 inhabitants. It dealt with the incandescent gas lighting of that city, and went on to say:—"The report of Mr. C. R. Bellamy on the lighting of the streets of Liverpool by incandescent burners came before the City Council last week (January, 1899). Mr. C. Petrie, in moving its adoption, said that all the improvements mentioned in the report had been effected without any burden on the rates. During the next two or three years they hoped to have every part of the city lighted with incandescent lamps. The cost would be from £20,000 to £25,000, but it would be brought about without any increase whatever of the rates. Mr. J. R. Grant asked whether it was not possible to light the streets with electricity. Mr. Petrie replied that it would be quite impossible owing to the enormous increase in the rates that would be necessary. Certainly the committee were not prepared to recommend anything of the kind. The report was unanimously adopted."

The committee then adjourned.

THE EASTER SHOW.

Very rapid progress is now being made in the preparation of the catalogue of the exhibits entered for the Royal Agricultural Society's Show. The entries being exceptionally numerous, much work is entailed in their arrangement and classification. All but the entries for the wood-chopping competition and all-round horse have been closed, and anyone should bear in mind that in order to have a hand in the log-cutting contest and the chance of winning one of the four prizes—£20, £15, £10, and £5—they must enter by Friday next, the 10th instant. The improvements on the ground are all but complete. When the whole of the asphalting is finished the ground will be ready for Easter week. A large number of exhibitors are already on the ground preparing for their various indoor and outdoor displays, and the scene is a busy one. Apart from being a little parched, the grounds never before looked so fine. Mr. Webster has induced the Hon. Varney Parkes, M.L.A. (Postmaster-General), to lay on the slot telephone, and the connections will be made within the next few days. It is understood that the Post Office authorities intend charging 6d for a three minutes' conversation. This slot 'phone accommodation will be greatly appreciated by the public, who in times past have been obliged to use the secretary's telephone, and take their chance in the crush of getting a turn at it.

THE TWO CARDINALS AND PAGAN ENGLAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of Monday last a speech of Cardinal Moran's is recorded, which has a splendid heading: "Cardinal Moran and his Critics."—"The Decay of Anglicanism."—"Rapid Expansion of Romanism."—"A Pagan England." With such a summary it is only natural to expect some reply, endeavouring to palliate numerous inaccuracies, mistakes, and fabulous statements; something, at any rate, about the now famous essay in "Winamilis," paragraphs on accuracy in quoting Scripture; something to account for the ever-haunting ghost of Henry VIII. Not one word do I find on any of these subjects, but only some more "feats in arithmetic" which the Bishop of Goulburn is (if he thinks it worth while) more than competent to dispel and expose, and some marvellous assertions. The speech at Rookwood commences with a "Creole proverb" which your reporter has done well to omit. Then, after a commonplace stay, the Cardinal plunges into his arithmetical performances, and forthwith goes on to quote from an American paper about "a reverend gentleman who had quitted one of the various sects in the United States, and had become a registered member of the Protestant Episcopalian Church." The Cardinal's own quotation convicts him, for something more than to "become a registered member" is necessary on entrance into the Protestant Episcopalian Church. The Cardinal is in his hurry to obtain a set-off against Father Isaac Hecker, founder of the American Order of Paulists, has most unwisely inserted this.

Then we have a long quotation from a sermon of a New York rector, the gist of which the Cardinal entirely loses sight of in order to serve his special purpose, viz.,—to belittle the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, which is entirely independent of but in communion with the Church of England, and hence is a truly catholic body, yet Protestant in its attitude. The Cardinal gives this sermon all the authority of a papal bull, although the American Episcopal Church is no more responsible for it than the Italian mission in England is responsible for the following letter of Father O'Halloran, which is a curious specimen of the perfect peace, unity, and concord that exist in Cardinal Vaughan's communion in England. The Cardinal tried to turn him out, and sent a Benedictine mission to supplant him. He thus wrote to the "Middlesex County Times":—"The attempt of the monks to usurp my jurisdiction and rob me—as Henry VIII. robbed them—of my maintenance from the Roman Catholics of Ealing is simply pure schism. Their existence in Castle Hill depends on a huge lie —the 'Cardinal's notification'—which is ridiculed and laughed at by all educated Catholics, and only imposes on the credulity of a few simple souls—principally women—who know nothing about Church government, and are ready to believe any fable from the monks and the Cardinal. If the Cardinal told them that Jonah swallowed the whale they are ready to believe it. They believe the Cardinal to be almost God Almighty, having the power to send all of us who worship at S.S. Joseph and Peter's into hell-fire. But we, the genuine Roman Catholics, do not believe in any such superstitious nonsense. We believe Cardinals and Popes to be exactly like other rulers, who will get a jolly good beating themselves if they do not govern justly and in accordance with God's law."

I venture to think that the utterances of the Protestant Episcopal rector of St. John the Evangelist in New York against unprimitive teachings in the United States are hardly as trenchant as those of the Roman Catholic rector of St. Joseph and Peter, Ealing, against Roman tyranny in England. This he (the Cardinal) comes to the question of "Pagan England."

On this point I shall content myself with putting the utterances of two Cardinals side by side; and first we take that of the Irish Cardinal. In order to emphasise what he considers to be the heathenish condition of England, he says, "He thought there were more Pagans in London in the present day than were to be found in Pekin." I am informed that some among the extreme Romanists have the insolence to call all who are not of the Roman communion "Pagans." Whether this is correct or not I cannot absolutely say; but, if it is so, and the Cardinal uses it in this sense, his assertion is founded upon a fact, as the members of the Italian mission are small in proportion to the population of London. But we now turn to the utterances of a great English Cardinal (Manning), great notwithstanding the records of Purcell's life.

In a sermon quoted in the English "Times" Cardinal Manning said:—"What made England? He did not ask what made it a Christian land, but what made England great? It was not warfare, nor conquest, nor politics, nor legislation. It was that one faith and that one love of God and our neighbour which made a united England."

I think your readers will not be long in coming to the conclusion that the Irish Cardinal is wrong and the English Cardinal is right, although they may feel surprised that so much difference of opinion should exist in the Church of Rome, which is constantly held up as the example of peace and unity, a standing in which the priests never dispute the will of their bishops, and in which all are knit together in the bond of loyal obedience to the Vicar of Christ.

I am, &c., CHARLES E. BATHURST.

The Tenth Australian Eleven in the Field and portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Howell are in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

The course of business on the Stock and Share market to-day was sluggish; and very little movement occurred in prices. The offers in our list for Government stock and debentures do not bring forth sellers. In Bank of New South Wales there was a further drop of ⅛. Australian Joint Stock Bank had buyer at 1s 9d, and City Bank were offered at 77s. Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits continue to sell at 14s 9d, and some business was done in English and Australian Chartered Bank creditor stocks at about late quotations. Nothing transpired in Steam, the market being steady, and the same remarks apply to insurance and gaslight. Marshall's Brewery were sold at 4s 10d. and offered, and for Tooth's Brewery the buying quotation was raised to 27s. The late downward trend of Colonial Sugar seems to have been arrested, business at an advance of ⅛ being quoted. Sales of Fresh Food and Ice at previous prices comprised the remaining business in miscellaneous stocks, which, as well as all others, were unaltered. Volunteer land order had buyer at 130, and Newcastle Building and Investment were saleable at 15s.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported to-day:—Early sale: A.J.S. Bank A deposits, 14s 9d. At 1 o'clock: Colonial Sugar, 36⅞; Fresh Food and Ice Company, 23s 4½d; Silverton Tramway, 85s 6d. Later: E.S. and A. Bank debentures, 16s 4½d; ditto, preferred, 11s; ditto, deferred, 13s. At 4 o'clock: Marshall's Brewery, 4s 10d. Later: Bank of New South Wales, 37¼. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investors.
	£	£	£	P.C.				P.C.
N.S.W. F. Stock, 1892	2,549,350	...	...	4	110	108	110	3¾
Do. Act, 1873	530,180	...	...	4	125	...	...	3
Do., due 1912	2,417,547	...	...	3	100½	98¾	...	3
Do., due 1924	198,085	...	...	3	99	98¾	...	3
Do., due 1925	222,250	...	...	3	100	98¼	...	3
Do. Deb., 1902	399,300	...	...	5	105¾	105	...	3½
N.S. D., 1913	300,000	...	...	4	108	105	...	3
Q'land D., 1917	...	...	...	4	107	106	...	
Colonial Sugar —D., 1914	...	...	...	5	111½	111	...	4
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,167,207	10	7½	6	1/3	1/9	2/	
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	8	...	55½	57½	
City	240,000	10	8	4	86	...	77	
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	75	...	77/	
Com. of A. pref.	2,117,050	10	10	8	...	...	...	
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	24½	24	24½	
N.S. Wales	1,950,000	20	20	9	37¼	37⅛	37¾	
Royal of Q.	386,650	9	5¼	2½	...	50	...	
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	26	25¼	...	
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bank: Class A	...	...	...	3	14/9	14/6	15/	
Class B	...	...	...	3	14/1½	14/1	14/2	
Ditto Insc.	...	...	...	3½	11/4½	11/	11/6	
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1898	...	...	...	3	18/	18/6	...	
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/	15/6	...	
E.S.A. series	...	...	...	3	15/2	14/6	...	
Ditto Ter.	480,148	...	...	4	18/9	18/6	...	
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	16/4½	16/3	17/	
Insc., pref.	903,444	...	...	4	11/	10/	13/	
Ditto, def.	900,010	...	...	3	13/	12/9	...	
Q'land Nat.	...	...	...	3½	12/6	12/6	...	
STEAM.								
Illawarra	58,096	5	3½	8¾	6	5¾	6¼	
N. & H. R.	100,000	1	1	6	18/	17/9	18/	
Nth. Coast	121,743	1	17/6	8	20/	19/6	20/	
N.S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	53/8	51/6	54/	
Port Jackson	25,000	50/	25/	10	37/	37/	37/9	
Ditto Co-op. Deb. Shs.	9,368	...	1	5	...	16/	...	
INSURANCE.								
A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	22½	27/	26/6	28/6	
Mer. Mut.	25,250	1	3/6	16	13/	...	13/	
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	11	...	...	65/	
United	62,500	10	2½	12	84/	83/6	85/	
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	12	19/	18/6	20/6	
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	18/	17/6	...	
A'stralian	681,798	6	6	9	17¼	17¼	17¾	
C. Towers	20,000	10/	10/	10	...	...	...	
Goulburn	8,000	1	1	15	44/6	44/	45/	
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	20/	22/	...	
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	25/	25/	...	
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10	7	12/9	12/6	13/6	
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	15	15/6	15/	16/6	
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	15	5½	5½	...	
Ditto	...	2	5/	15	...	1½	...	
North Shore	80,000	1	1	6	27/	27/	28/	
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10/	6	14/	13/	...	
BREWERIES.								
Albury	21,000	1	10/	5	...	6/6	7/3	
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	7/	6/	7/6	
Australian	90,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	
C'lm & Wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Resch	250,000	1	1	4	14/6	14/3	14/9	
Marshall's	20,701	10/	5/	6	4/10	4/9	4/10	
Toohey's	58,338	15	15/	10½	28/3	30/	...	
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	29/	27/	27/6	
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Aerated	17,500	15/	10/	...	...	...	3/	
Ass. News	40,000	1	1	8	27/	26/	26/6	
B.H.W. Sup.	180,000	1	1	12½	22/6	22/6	23/9	
Burns, Philp	150,000	1	1	8	33/6	32/6	34/	
Ditto	17,500	1	1	8	7½	...	7½	
Col. Sugar	1,792,000	20	20	10	37	36¾	37	
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	...	...	10½/	
Emu B. Rl'wy	100,000	1	1	8	6/9	...	7/6	
Emu Gravel	7,500	1	1	...	...	...	...	
F. Fd. Ice	161,010	1	18/	8	23/4½	23/3	23/4½	
Harrison, Jones, D'lin	80,000	1	1	8	...	...	...	
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	11/	...	...	
Malting Co.	5,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Ditto	4,500	1	4/	...	...	4/3	...	
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10/	6	...	...	...	
Mont de Piete	75,788	1	1	10	31/	...	...	
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/4	2/3	2/6	
Per. Trust	25,000	10	5	7	8/4½	8/3	...	
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	7	...	...	...	
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	3	9/3	9/3	...	
Shale & Oil	75,000	1	15/	2½	3/2	3/1	3/2	
Silv. Tram	197,806	1	1	40	85/6	85/	85/6	
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	...	14	...	
S. H'raulic	75,000	1	10/	10	29/3	28/6	29/3	
Love & Ro.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Haymarket 'I D	...	...	13/	5	...	...	...	
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Indust. Pro.	80,000	20	20	6	20	...	...	
Intercolonial	52,799	1	15/	8½	...	...	10/6	
Rosebery Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/6	...	...	
Aus. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	6d	1/	
R. & Sub. D.	...	...	...	...	...	7d	9/	
Sy. Fre. Land	...	...	...	...	...	6d	...	

* Where dividends are interim, the yield is based on year's distributions; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

Australian bank shares continue to show a rising tendency in the London market, Union Bank of Australia having risen 2, and Banks of New South Wales and Australasia ½. The quotations of 29, 40½, and 58 respectively are now 3, 3, and 2½ respectively above the quotations for shares on the Sydney registers. The figures in London and Sydney are now related to one another in a more normal way than they were a short time back, when temporary speculative buying forced up quotations on our share registers. In ordinary conditions money for permanent investment in securities of this kind must be expected to command higher interest here than on the other side of the world.

The R.M.S. Oceana, which sailed for London to-day, took New Zealand gold valued at £5450, shipped by the P. and O. Company.

Quoting our statement that the average monthly shipment of gold from Sydney to San Francisco in 1898 was about £428,000, the "Investors' Review" of February 3 remarks:—"This is a drain never much noticed here, but it has considerable significance both for us and for Australia. For us it implies a shifting of the strain. We are the debtors who have had to provide this gold, and it represents part of the interest due to us from these colonies. For the colonies themselves the export means in some senses a draining away of resources wanted by them at home. It is not profitable to them to have to send us all this gold, or to have to export it on our account. Their credit and their commerce as well would be healthier if they sent wool, wheat, sugar, wine, hides, butter, and similar products, rather than so much gold." Now this statement contains but a bare modicum of truth. The colonies are gold producers, and the metal requires marketing in London, or in San Francisco, or India, just as much as the product of our pastoral, agricultural, or dairying industries. Moreover, so much of it as usual has not been wanted here for several years past. It is distinctly profitable for us to send this gold to London, or any other place requiring it. If we had enough produce alone to pay interest on our debts and charges, as well as for our imports, and after that had gold beyond our own requirements, so that its price were brought below that obtainable elsewhere, Mr. A. G. Wilson certainly ought to know that it would be sent to London or India, or anywhere else at which it could be used to greater advantage. It should be known to him that besides the gold sent to England from Australia in payment of British claims, other quantities have been forwarded there because it yields a higher rate of interest than it brings in the colonies. The United States at the present time furnish an illustration of this, though not from the same cause. Their increase of gold arises from their great balance of trade, part payment for which they are content to use in London. Our excess arises from the annual production of £13,000,000 being far more than is sufficient to supplement our monetary stock of £26,000,000 to £30,000,000. It is easy to see that 73,000,000 of people, with what was a gold-starved currency, could readily absorb, and indeed required to absorb, the production of the States, amounting to £12,000,000, besides much more imported from abroad, to establish the monetary system on a sound basis. The numerous highways of the world, with the facilities for transport, and the development of banking intelligence on the lines of exchange operations, caused the movement of gold from Australia with general advantage to those who sent as well as to those who received it, without suggesting to anyone of intelligence that our credit or our commerce suffered by the operation. It is very fortunate for Australia that in the last few years it has been able to produce so much readily movable merchandise in the shape of gold. The criticism which alleges that it represents the draining away of our resources cannot be allowed.

The second series of wool sales for the year in London, beginning yesterday, may be regarded as opening with fair prospects for the producers of New South Wales. The merino wool they have sent has maintained the advance of from 5 to 7½ per cent. noticed at the January sales on the prices paid in December. Indeed, one message reports the prices as in favour of sellers. Superior crossbreds also hold the previous position. But inferior crossbreds are generally spoken of as 5 per cent. lower. As, however, this class of wool was 10 per cent. higher in January than in December, it would appear that the present price is still full 5 per cent. over that current at the closing sales of last year. As there is a good representative attendance of British and foreign buyers at the sales, and as the catalogues only amount to about 175,000 bales, as compared with 223,000 bales at the corresponding period of last year, and it is known that both this year and next year the Australian clip must be short, the conditions prevail to justify a strong demand and good prices during the currency of the sales, especially as all reports agree that trade is good in England and the United States. The prices current at the close of the last sales, with which our cable messages make comparison, are given as follows by Messrs. Jacomb, Son, and Co.:—

Merino.	Superior.	Medium and Good.	Inferior and Faulty.
N.S. Wales—			
Scoured ...	1/7½ to 1/9	1/1½ to 1/7	1/0½ to 1/1
Greasy fleece ...	0/11 to 1/0½	0/8 to 0/10½	0/7 to 0/7½
Queensland—			
Scoured ...	1/6 to 1/7½	1/3 to 1/5½	1/0½ to 1/2½
Greasy fleece ...	1/ to 1/2	0/9 to 0/11½	0/8½ to 0/7½
Merino Lambs—			
Greasy ...	0/11 to 0/11½	0/8 to 0/10½	0/5½ to 0/7½
Coarse and Crossbred Wools.	Good Medium, with Colour.	Inferior.	Low, Mixed and Badly Classed.
Scoured ...	1/4 to 1/6	0/9 to 1/1½	0/6 to 0/8½
Washed fleece ...	—	—	0/5½ to 0/9½
Greasy fleece ...	0/8½ to 0/11½	0/6½ to 0/8	0/5½ to 0/8

Exceptional parcels of New South Wales washed fleece were quoted at 1s 10d to 1s 11½d for scoured and 1s 1d to 1s 4d for greasy, and 1s 3d to 1s 6½d for greasy merino lambs. Best parcels of crossbred wools were worth 12½d.

Copper and tin continue to fluctuate in value from day to day. On Monday copper in London dropped £2 10s from the price quoted on Thursday last, but at £70 it is still £19 10s over the current price a year back; and £12 over the quotation at the beginning of the year. This figure, if maintained, is sufficiently high to give stimulus to the working of many mines that were closed down under the influence of prices pivoting on £40. The price of tin on Monday, on the other hand, was £2½ higher than on Thursday last. The market is evidently on quite a speculative basis, the quotations on Thursdays of the successive weeks beginning January 19 having been £101 10s, £111, £114, £105 7s 6d, £105 5s, £109 17s 6d, and £104 12s 6d, rising to £107 5s on Monday, as stated. There was thus a variation of £13. In the same time last year the range was from £63 7s 6d to £65 15s, in 1897 from £50 17s 6d to £51 12s, in 1896 from £59 to £60 15s.

The value of the imports into Sydney for the week ended March 4 amounted to £369,608 against £382,526 in the corresponding week of 1898, and making a total of £3,582,972 since January 1. The value of the exports in the week amounted to £136,176 against £354,054, and making £3,668,357 since January 1. From the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

IMPORTS.	1898.	1899.	Increase or Decrease.
Merchandise ...	£2,587,680	£3,114,725	Inc. £527,045
Gold ...	546,637	468,247	Dec. 78,390
Total ...	£3,134,317	£3,582,972	Inc. £448,655
EXPORTS.			
Merchandise ...	£2,416,664	£2,890,494	Inc. £473,830
Gold ...	857,024	777,873	Dec. 79,151
Total ...	£3,273,688	£3,668,357	Inc. £394,669

The imports of merchandise show an increase of 20 per cent., and the exports an increase of 12 per cent. Less gold has been imported and exported.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market continues in a somewhat unsettled state. Large quantities of grain are being consumed for other than milling purposes, much of the poorer samples going into consumption in the grain-growing districts themselves for horse and sheep feed. To-day chickwheat realised as high as 2s 7d at auction. F.a.q. milling wheat is quoted at 2s 8d, while for extra prime samples, such as those grown in the western part of the colony, 2s 9d does not tempt sellers. Meanwhile importation continues apace, but it is doubtful whether these are new purchases. Large parcels of both wheat and flour arranged for at the lower prices of a month back are still to come forward from Melbourne. Flour is quoted at £6 10s to £6 15s, some holders asking up to £7 for small parcels. Business, however, is restricted, bakers being well booked up in most cases.

A private letter from London takes the following view of the market under date February 3:—"All the steam has gone out of the trade, and the advance noted in our last has been lost. Parcels of Australian wheat are offering at 27s 6d by steam and 28s 6d by sailers, cargoes at 27s 9d to 29s not tempting buyers. America has declined considerably, and Argentina is now a free seller. Under these circumstances a further decline is not at all improbable." However, since this was written our own cables advise a slight rise, which would indicate either reduced estimates of the Argentine supplies or unfavourable crop reports from India.

Victoria.—The following is a summary of the exports from Victoria since the beginning of the year:—

	Wheat. Bags.	Flour. Bags.
English Channel, for orders ...	590,219	—
Mediterranean ...	76,720	—
U.K. direct, per steamers ...	47,016	2,045
Ditto ditto, per sailers ...	82,309	1,120
Continent direct, per steamers ...	100,511	50
St. Helena ...	50	100
Hongkong ...	—	680
Singapore ...	—	800
Samarang ...	—	100
Total extra colonial shipments ...	607,481	4,895
New South Wales and Queensland ...	68,779	57,866
Western Australia ...	568	2,520
Total Victorian ...	676,828	65,281

South Australia.—The monthly circular of the Adelaide Milling Company, Limited, states that "shippers were keen buyers all through the month, but their requirements being now nearly satisfied they are less active, and prices would decline but for the small quantity offering by the farmers, who are holding largely on their farms in anticipation of better prices being obtainable later on. The value of shipping parcels is 2s 8d and 2s 9d per bushel f.o.b." Messrs. John Darling and Son wrote on March 6: "There is no special inducement for shippers to enter into further engagements unless a reduction in rates or lower prices of wheat prevail. Shipowners show a strong disinclination to submit to any reduction in freights; but should freights not give way then it is just possible that a decline in wheat may have to be recorded after the end of this month, when present shipping engagements will be about at an end."

IMPORT MARKET.

Quietness again prevailed in this market, and no great improvement can be anticipated until general rains are experienced. Tea did not meet with as much activity as earlier in the week, but the market will again be tested at auction to-morrow. Meanwhile very strongly worded reports continue to come to hand from both Colombo and Calcutta, the latter market having now closed. Sugar was without alteration. Stocks of cream of tartar have become more concentrated, private cables advising a further rise of ½d in producing centres. There was more buoyancy about fencing wire; but metallic lines generally, like most others, were quiet but firm. White lead sold at a slight concession; and China oil was easier to arrive. The price of kerosene in distributing parcels was maintained, but a line sold at a shade less. Branbags met with rather more inquiry; and cornsacks had an upward tendency, stocks being decidedly light on spot and in few hands.

Tea.—Private sales were advised of 200 light-weight Chinas at 6¾d in bond; 100 ditto, 6¾d duty free; and 30 chests of Ceylon broken pekoes, 8½d in bond.

Messrs. Davenport and Co.'s Calcutta report, dated February 6, states that at the sale on that date the supply of flavoury kinds was not equal to the demand, and prices realised for them were higher than the quality warranted, especially for pekoe souchong grades, which were apparently more in demand than either pekoes or broken pekoes. A private letter from Colombo is even more emphatic, saying:—"The Indian market has closed, the lowest price for the very commonest pekoe souchongs being 4·9a. to 5a. The lowest price for common souchongs in Colombo was 30c. to 31c., and ordinary pekoes 34c. to 35c. This means a covering cost in Sydney of 7d as the bedrock."

Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co. will offer to-morrow, Friday, at the Chamber of Commerce Saleroom, a catalogue of 500 packages of Ceylon teas on account of Dalgety and Co., Limited.

Sugar.—Business to-day was of a rather restricted character, prices being unaltered.

The Queensland sugar exports of the present campaign to February 28 reach 123,109 tons (according to the "Courier"). Opinions upon the position vary somewhat; but, the same authority considers, it may be pretty safely considered that there are yet a few thousand tons of the exportable surplus to go. The crop is variously estimated, but taking it at 155,000 tons, there are some 32,000 tons yet to handle. It is difficult to get at the requirements for home consumption in Queensland, but the Registrar-General last year put it down at 33,000 tons.

Groceries.—Small transactions in leaden goods were reported, prices being unaltered throughout. Fifty tons of red rock salt sold to land at 32s 6d.

The shipments of groceries and kindred lines from the United Kingdom to Sydney and Newcastle during 1898 compare with those of the three preceding years as follows:—

		1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Preserved fish ...	£	16,690	23,450	20,330	28,344
Salt fish ...	£	1,730	2,061	2,770	1,480
Sardines ...	£	10,170	16,090	19,380	18,290
Oilman's stores ...	£	31,150	28,370	36,470	28,560
Pickles, sauces ...	£	45,330	46,560	34,730	43,900
Vinegar ...	gal.	149,280	97,700	167,770	214,510
Jams and jellies ...	cwt.	1,401	4,840	5,930	7,980
Pepper and spices ...	cwt.	513	437	890	840
Cocoa and chocolate ...	cwt.	4,400	5,063	5,251	6,823
Confectionery ...	£	18,200	18,030	20,830	22,630
Isinglass, &c. ...	£	3,950	5,200	4,750	5,550
Mustard ...	£	19,200	15,640	15,180	14,820
Starch ...	£	14,730	13,800	12,130	15,070
Blue ...	£	13,233	8,970	7,670	13,040
Salad oil ...	gals.	2,980	5,900	6,815	4,280
Vermicelli ...	cwt.	147	184	126	183
Patent groats ...	£	2,340	2,480	2,060	3,500
Pearl barley ...	£	490	290	520	690
Split peas ...	cwt.	234	576	49	898
Chicory ...	cwt.	174	927	300	170
White salt ...	tons	12,339	15,557	11,082	12,256
Rock salt ...	tons	4,625	3,606	4,827	5,447
Soap ...	cwt.	9,767	29,041	21,028	37,056
Dates ...	cwt.	10,574	6,594	6,817	6,839
Raisins ...	cwt.	13,547	8,850	13,548	4,719
Currants ...	cwt.	22,500	21,747	14,702	11,312
Vestas ...	£	25,430	20,590	16,750	21,540
Blacking ...	£	3,250	4,700	3,150	5,450
Condensed milk ...	£	49,430	37,210	42,430	56,400
Cornflour ...	£	6,400	9,750	11,050	14,490

The decreases in some lines are accounted for by the fact that direct shipments from the Continent have largely usurped the place formerly occupied by transhipments through London. This applies to such lines as dried fruits, chicory, and others.

Liquors.—Hennessy's brandy changed hands at 34s 3d for one and 45s 6d for three star; Key gin, 10s 9d to 11s for 15-bottle and 11s 9d to 12s for 16-bottle. Lowndes's rum was unaltered at 2s 9d to 2s 10d. Marie Brizard's three-star brandy sold freely at 42s 6d and one-star at 30s in trade parcels, the same brand of rum being quiet at 30s. Fifty-four cases of Franz Josef lager sold locally, and Perl lager was also in request.

Metallic Lines.—Thirty tons of No. 8 German fencing wire changed hands to land ex Prinz-Regent Luitpold at £8 5s, and 50 tons of No. 10 at £8 15s. Five tons of 24-gauge Queen's Head plain iron were placed at £19 10s, and 5 tons of 26-gauge at £20. 200 casks of tested Germania cement moved off at 12s 6d.

Jute Goods.—Twenty-five bales of branbags sold to arrive ex Darius at 3s 2½d, small lots going on spot at 3s 3d. Cornsacks had a firmer tendency at 5s.

Oils.—450 cases of kerosene oil moved off at 8½d; 4 tons of Champion's white lead, £27 5s and £28 5s for cwts. and quarters; 150 drums of linseed oil at 2s 5d and 2s 7d for raw and boiled. China oil sold to arrive at 2s 8½d, and 25 cases of castor went at 2s 4d.

Chemicals.—Nine tons of cream of tartar have been taken up on spot at 8½d, the market in France being cabled a further ½d higher. This gives a laid-down cost of 9½d.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £3791. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1520; wine, £29; ale, porter, and beer, £86; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £655; tea, £86; sugar and molasses, £40; opium, £96; dried and candied fruits, £29; harbour and light rates, £31; pilotage, £25; harbour dues, £26; excise on beer, £351. Total, £3791.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Wool Sales.—The following private cables have been received:—

By the Pastoral Finance Association, Limited:—"Prices all round are firm at about late rates."

By Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.:—"Merino prices firm; for crossbred prices easier."

By Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, from Messrs. Sanderson, Murray, and Co.:—"The second series of sales opened to-day with a full attendance of buyers. Closing rates of January series for merino and fine crossbreds were firmly maintained, but coarse crossbreds show a decline of about 7½ per cent."

By Dalgety and Co., Limited:—"The second series of wool sales opened to-day with large attendance of buyers and fairly representative catalogues. Competition was fairly animated. As compared with the closing rates of the January-February sales prices for merinos and fine crossbreds are, if anything, in sellers' favour. Medium and coarse qualities of crossbreds in the grease are 5 per cent. lower."

By Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, from Messrs. Buxton, Ronald, and Co.:—"March 7: The second series of London wool sales opened to-day. Total number of bales available, about 175,000. Prices for merino wool on a par with last series closing rates. Crossbreds fully ½d lower, except for finest sorts."

By Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited:—"Sales opened this day with good attendance of home and foreign buyers at closing rates of last series for all descriptions."

By the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited.—The sales opened this day at the level of last series, except that the coarse crossbred market is easier. The total quantity available, including wool held over from last series, is 283,000 bales, 107,000 bales of which have been forwarded to the manufacturing districts direct.

By John Bridge and Co., Limited.—Sales have opened, and prices as compared to closing rates of last sales are the same for all descriptions of merinos. Crossbreds are ½d to ¼d lb. lower.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 206 bales of wool arrived, 42 bales were received coastwise, and 26 bales came forward by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The first series of the London colonial wool auctions, which commenced January 17, were brought to a close on Wednesday, February 1. Opening at an average rise of over 5 per cent., as compared with the closing auctions last year, a hardening tendency immediately set in, and prices were very firm until within a few days before the close, when it became evident that many buyers had supplied themselves for the time, and were less keen, and a good deal of irregularity was apparent for any wools lacking style, character, and length, resulting in withdrawals, but these were confined almost entirely to inferior and faulty sorts of greasy and of uncertain yield. In merinos, the superior greasy classes, on account of no demand from America, and the inferior faulty have felt the improvement least, whilst light, bold, sound sorts have been in favour from all sections of the trade. In broken and pieces free and light, the demand has gradually improved from start to finish. This has been one of the marked features of the series. Often the broken has realised more than any portion of the fleece of the same flock. Without a doubt liberal skirting in almost every description of merino wools pays. The established rise on medium to good sorts is 5 to 7½ per cent. on last year's closing auctions. What has been said of merino greasy sorts applies curiously enough to crossbreds. The finest as also the coarsest grades have been least affected, whilst medium sorts with lustre have moved up fully 10 per cent., largely due to American competition. During the series 173,000 bales have been catalogued, of which 171,000 bales have been sold. Foreign account secured 88,000 bales, including some 6000 bales for America, home consumption taking the balance. Including 125,000 bales not offered, about 19,000 bales are carried over to next series, beginning March 7. The total arrival to be limited to 300,000 bales, the list to close February 27 whether that amount has arrived or not.

Ultimate markets have scarcely responded with freedom to the higher level of London auction rates. The tone is certainly healthier than before the sales commenced, but there is a general unwillingness to move up to sellers' ideas, and this curtails business; however, the future is anticipated with a good deal of confidence.

Holders are very firm in their demands for more money if they sell.

Merinos are in good demand, and thanks to American competition in London, crossbreds generally, and more especially medium grades, are looking up. There is a good deal of inquiry for most sorts, and the only thing now wanting seems to be for seller and buyer to move into line, and time alone can tell which must give way first.

Spinners are fairly well employed, as also some manufacturers of lustre goods and fancies. In woollen cloth and flannels the upward move of the raw material has strengthened manufacturers' position, who are asking more money.

In the latter class some Government contracts have been given out, which greatly strengthens trade all round.

The United States consular returns for Bradford for January are not very encouraging reading.

The total for the month is higher than the last nine months' average, being £139,683, but less than same month last year by £33,135. Wool, stuff goods, and worsted coatings show the falling-off most. Silk, alpaca, and goat's hair indicate expansion, and cotton goods present a very fair appearance. Particulars of a few leading brands sold since last mail and prices realised:—

New South Wales Wools.—Myall Creek, greasy first combing at 11½d, 10½d, 10d, greasy first clothing at 10½d, 10d, 9d, greasy necks at 10½d, 10d, greasy broken at 10d, 9½d, greasy first pieces at 9d, 8½d, 8d; A. Tobin and Sons over Wingadee, scoured super combing at 1s 7d, 1s 6d, scoured broken at 1s 4½d, 1s 4d, scoured pieces at 1s 3d, 1s 2½d, 1s 2d, scoured super lambs at 1s 6d; DPRO over Warrano, greasy first combing at 8d, greasy second combing at 7½d, greasy first at 7½d, 7½d, greasy second at 8½d, greasy necks at 8½d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, greasy first lambs at 9½d; Tubbo, greasy first combing at 7½d, greasy second combing at 7½d, greasy first clothing at 7½d, greasy pieces at 7d, greasy first lambs at 7½d, greasy second lambs at 6½d, scoured first combing at 1s 4d, scoured pieces at 1s, scoured lambs at 10½d; Cuba, greasy combing at 9d, greasy broken at 8½d, 8d, greasy lambs at 9½d, scoured first combing at 1s 3d, scoured pieces at 11½d, 10½d; Tinapagee, scoured super combing at 1s 5d, scoured first combing at 1s 4d, 1s 3d, scoured super clothing at 1s 5d, scoured broken at 1s 3d, 1s 2½d, scoured super pieces at 11½d, 10d; AA&Co in diamond, scoured super combing at 1s 6d, 1s 5½d, scoured first combing at 1s 4½d; Condobolin over MF&Co, greasy first combing at 9½d, greasy second combing at 9d, greasy second clothing at 8½d, greasy first pieces at 9d, greasy second pieces at 8d; C over TDY in diamond and square, greasy first combing at 10d, 9½d, greasy second combing at 10d, 9d, greasy first clothing at 9½d, greasy broken at 9½d, greasy first pieces at 9½d, greasy second pieces at 7½d; MB in diamond over Nepean, scoured first combing at 1s 5d, 1s 4½d, 1s 4d, scoured second combing at 1s 3d, scoured first clothing at 1s 3½d, 1s 3d, scoured first pieces at 1s 3d, 1s 2½d, scoured first lambs at 1s 1d.

Queensland Wools.—Rockwood, scoured first combing at 1s 6½d, 1s 6d, 1s 5½d, 1s 4d, scoured first clothing at 1s 5½d, 1s 5d, 1s 4½d, scoured broken at 1s 4½d, 1s 4d, 1s 3½d, scoured first pieces at 1s 5½d, 1s 5d, 1s 4d, 1s 3½d, scoured second pieces at 1s 3½d, 1s 3d; JGS over Dynevor, scoured AAA combing at 1s 6½d, scoured AA combing at 1s 6d, scoured super combing at 1s 5½d, scoured first combing at 1s 5½d, scoured second combing at 1s 5d, scoured AAA clothing at 1s 5d, scoured broken at 1s 5d, 1s 4d, scoured first pieces at 1s 5d, 1s 4½d, scoured second pieces at 1s 4½d, 1s 3½d; Milo, greasy first combing at 8d, greasy combing at 7½d, 7½d; greasy necks at 7½d; Maxwelton, scoured first combing at 1s 5d, 1s 4½d, scoured first clothing at 1s 5½d, 1s 4½d, scoured second clothing at 1s 5½d, scoured first pieces at 1s 4d; TC in square over Retro, greasy A first combing at 10½d, greasy A combing at 9½d, greasy B combing at 9d, greasy C combing at 8½d, greasy DD combing at 8d, greasy broken at 9½d, greasy necks at 8½d, greasy first lambs at 9½d, greasy second lambs at 7½d; Warbreccan over Mutti, greasy combing at 9d, 8½d, greasy at 8d, greasy broken at 9½d, 9d, 8d; Isis over Downs, greasy super at 9½d, greasy A at 8½d, greasy AA at 8d, greasy C at 7½d, greasy first pieces at 8½d, greasy first lambs at 8d, greasy second lambs at 9d, 7½d; Wellshot, greasy first combing at 9½d, greasy second combing at 8½d, 8d; greasy combing at 8d, 7½d, 7d, greasy broken at 8d, greasy first pieces at 7½d, 7½d, greasy second pieces at 7½d, 7d, 6½d; Llanrheidol, scoured A combing at 1s 5½d, scoured B combing at 1s 5d, scoured BB combing at 1s 5d, scoured C combing at 1s 6½d, scoured first at 1s 4d, scoured second at 1s 3½d, scoured necks at 1s 4½d, 1s 4d; scoured first pieces at 1s 4½d, 1s 4d, 1s 3½d.

Victorian Wools.—B in diamond over Benerembah, greasy first fleece at 9½d, 9d, greasy second fleece at 8½d, 7½d, 7½d, 9d, greasy first pieces at 9d, 8½d, 8d, greasy second pieces at 7d, greasy first lambs at 7½d, greasy second lambs at 8½d, greasy three-quarters-bred at 9½d, greasy half-bred at 8½d, greasy crossbred at 9d; Merri over Merrigal, greasy first combing at 8½d, 8d, greasy second combing at 8½d, greasy first clothing at 8d, greasy necks at 8½d, greasy broken at 9d, greasy pieces at 8d; Bundure in oblong, greasy super combing at 9½d, greasy combing at 9d, 8½d, 8d, greasy at 8d, 7½d, 7½d, greasy broken at 9d, 8½d, 8d, greasy lambs at 8d, 8½d, 5½d; Melool, greasy first combing at 10d, greasy A combing at 9d, greasy second combing at 9d, greasy first at 8d, greasy broken at 9½d, greasy first pieces at 9½d, greasy second pieces at 8d, greasy super lambs at 1s 0½d; a. Wilson over Yanko, greasy super combing at 9d, greasy second combing at 8½d, greasy first clothing at 8½d, greasy first pieces at 8d, greasy second pieces at 7½d, greasy AA fine crossbred at 11, 10½d, 10d, greasy BB fine crossbred at 9½d, greasy CC fine crossbred at 9½d, greasy DD fine crossbred at 7½d, greasy first pieces crossbred at 9d, greasy second pieces crossbred at 8d, 7½d, 7½d, greasy super lambs crossbred at 8½d, greasy first lambs crossbred at 7d; Mt. Bate, greasy super combing at 1s 3½d, 1s 3d, 1s, greasy first combing at 11½d, 11d, greasy A combing at 10½d, greasy super clothing at 1s, greasy first clothing at 10½d, greasy skirts at 9½d, 8½d, greasy super lambs at 1s 4½d, greasy first lambs at 11½d; X over SC, greasy super crossbred combing at 1s, 11½d, greasy first crossbred combing at 1s, 11½d, 11d, greasy super crossbred at 10½d, 10d, greasy first crossbred at 9½d, greasy first half-bred at 9d, 7½d, greasy broken crossbred at 9½d, 9d, 8d, 7½d.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, March 7.

BANK SHARES, &c.

Bank of Australasia, ½ higher at 58.

Bank of New South Wales, ½ higher at 40½.

Union Bank of Australia, 2 higher at 29.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at 2½.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, unchanged at 104½.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 108.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, unchanged at 106.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 112½.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, unchanged at 96.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 107.

M'Cracken's Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, 75½.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

—	March 2, 1898.	Feb. 28, 1899.	March 7, 1899.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom ...	3,130,000	2,750,000	3,019,000
For Continent ...	1,520,000	1,280,000	1,540,000
Total ...	4,650,000	4,030,000	4,559,000

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Wheat has sold at 2s 7d per bushel at Port Adelaide, but the amount of business doing is only small. Farmers, however, continue to be firm holders. The value may be given at from 2s 7d to 2s 7½d. There is some irregularity with respect to flour. Quotation of most general prices for export is £6 5s per ton. Bran is unaltered at 8d, and pollard 8d to 8½d.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The Dunedin oat market continues bare of stock. Quotations: Milling, 1s 6½d; prime feed, 1s 6¼d; ordinary, 1s 5½d to 1s 5½d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat is steady but firm at 2s 7d to 2s 7½d; flour, £6 5s to £6 7s 6d; bran, 7d to 7½d, with good sales. Algerian oats are firmer, milling 1s 8½d to 1s 9d, feed, 1s 6d to 1s 8d. Maize, 3s 4½d. Chaff is firm at up to £2 10s, wheaten £2 12s 6d. Potatoes quiet at £3 5s to £3 10s. Onions, £2 12s 6d. 300 boxes sultanas sold for export. There is a good inquiry for cheap sardines. Bicarbonate of soda sold for export. Prime butter is in better demand and about ½d firmer, good to prime factory 8½d to 9d, choice, 9½d. Eggs, 1s to 1s 0½d.

There is no important alteration in the quotations for investment stocks, and transactions effected were of small extent. Sales:—Footscray 5 per cent. debentures, £108; Commercial special assets, 16s; Colonial Bank preference shares, 70s; National ordinary, 56s; Metropolitan Gas, £7; Silverton Tramway, 85s 6d; Hydraulic Power, paid, 36s; Squatting Investment, 28s 6d; Sydney Hydraulic, 26s.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

EDEN, Wednesday.

The steamer Bega left to-day, taking from this port for Sydney 64 bags bark, 8 bags potatoes, 3 bags oysters, 1 box butter, and sundries.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Leura sailed to-day for Sydney with a quantity of produce and fruit and 135 bales hay.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Continued activity characterised business throughout all departments to-day. Operations were of fair dimensions, but restricted in some lines owing to scarcity. Prices continue to advance, movements being a rise in bran, pollard, lucerne hay, bacon, and butter. The delivery of produce by rail was again light, the sale being over early in consequence. New maize commanded a fair amount of attention at about late rates. Prime old inland made 3s 10d to 3s 10½d under the hammer. Oats had ready sale, as did chickwheat. Barley and peas were also in better request. Owing to scarcity, coupled with the increased demand, prices of both bran and pollard were much firmer. The inquiry for each was brisk at quotations. Local chaff was in good request, ordinary prime making a trifle under £3 15s per ton. Imported makes had active sale, fresh supplies due this evening (Wednesday) being anxiously awaited, stocks on the wharfs at present are light. A further improvement occurred in lucerne hay. Prime green sold up to 85s—a rise of 5s per ton. Private advices state that the lucerne crops in the Hunter district look very parched, owing to the continued dry weather. There is some talk of stocks being cornered, as it is expected that if the droughty weather continues there will be a very strong inquiry from inland. One truckload of lucerne arrived by rail this morning for which the fancy price of 5s 6d per cwt. was realised. The lucerne was from the Mudgee district, and done up in small bales. Straw sold well, as did oaten hay. The market for potatoes was much weaker, with steady sales, chiefly at £4 5s for good Circulars. Onions were rather quiet, with the inquiry somewhat slack. A brisk business was transacted in all lines of dairy produce. Eggs were firm, with the demand brisk at 12d to 14d per dozen. Bacon improved to the extent of ½d per pound, sales being retarded in consequence. Cheese was also slightly firmer. Butter was scarce, and in sympathy with the rise in other lines was also dearer. All sellers were firm at 9d, that figure being easily obtainable for best brands. Melbourne butter may be expected to be offering in the course of a few days.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

Oats.—New Zealand, prime feed 2s, medium 1s 10d to 1s 11d per bushel.

Maize.—Prime, new 3s 9d, old 3s 10d to 3s 10½d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, prime, 4s 3d to 4s 4d; grey, 3s 9d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 2s 6d to 2s 7d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, 2s 7d to 2s 8d per bushel.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 9d, and pollard at 9½d to 10 per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green, £4 to £4 5s; good medium, £3 15s.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime, £4 to £4 10s; good medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; off varieties, to £2 17s 6d per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Prime, £3 7s 6d, £3 10s; medium, £3 to £3 2s 6d. Local: Prime, £3 10s to £3 15s; extra green, £3 17s 6d; medium, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, prime £2 2s 6d to £2 7s 6d; imported, £2 5s; local bundled, £2 5s per ton.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply, good demand. Firewood, good, 10s 6d to 11s 3d; rough, 7s 6d to 8s; bundles, good, 9s to 10s 6d; inferior, 7s to 8s; billet, 8s to 9s 6d; inferior, 6s to 7s 6d; bakers' split, good, 7s 9d to 8s; inferior, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; large green, 6s 6d to 7s 9d; dry, 8s to 8s 6d per ton.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local, prime £3 5s to £3 15s; Tasmanian Circulars, prime, £4 5s to £4 10s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Garden honey, 1½d to 2d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.

Onions.—Melbourne, prime, £5 5s to £5 10s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d to 4½d; bulk, 3½d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Cheese.—Choice loaf, 4½d to 5d; large, medium 5½d to 6d, choice 4½d to 5d; New Zealand, large 4½d; medium, 4½d to 5d; loaf, 5½d to 5½d; Bodalla cheese, 5½d per lb.

Butter.—Scarce and firmer. Creamery, 9d; factory, 8½d. Farmers' Co-operative Company quote creamery, 9d; Berrima Company quote finest creamery 9d; F. F. and I. Company quote pasteurised Berry butter at 9½d per lb.

Eggs.—North, 12d; south, 13d to 14d per dozen.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 7d; second-class, 6d to 6½d; middles, 7½d to 8d; mild cured sides, 7d; farmers' lots, 5d to 5½d; Bodalla, sides 7d, flitches 6½d, middles 8d; local hams, in cloth, 9d; small weights, 9½d; New Zealand, mild cured, choice 9½d; English, 9½d to 10d; small weights, 10½d per lb.

Poultry.—Fair inquiry. Inferior, 1s 6d to 2s; medium, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; prime young sorts, 2s 9d to 3s; ducks, 1s 9d to 2s; choice, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; Muscovy ducks, 3s 9d to 5s; geese, 3s 6d to 3s 6d; turkeys, cocks 7s to 9s, others 4s 6d to 6s 6d, hens 3s to 4s 6d per pair.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern Railway Markets this morning only a limited supply of produce was offered for sale. The inquiry for forage continued brisk at firm prices. Ordinary prime chaff brought 3s 5d to 3s 6d, medium 3s 1d to 3s 4d, and straw chaff 2s 6d. Straw, in derrick bales, was in good demand at 1s 10d to 2s 1d per cwt. Ordinary prime rack oaten hay made 4s 2d to 4s 3d, and good medium 3s 6d. Messrs. Hubert Little and Co. realised the fancy price of 5s 3d per cwt. for prime green lucerne hay in small bales. Pollard was dearer, with the inquiry active at 10d. Old maize was in good request at 3s 10d to 3s 10½d per bushel. Potatoes were plentiful, and dull of sale at 3s to 3s 10d per cwt. Pumpkins fetched 2s to 4s, and water-melons 1s 11d to 5s per dozen respectively.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 9 trucks; lucerne, 1; straw, 3; hay, 4; pollard, 1; maize, 2; potatoes, 5; pumpkins, 3; and melons, 3.

Among the consignees were Messrs. Wells and Matthews, Heaton Brothers, Dent and Perry, H. M. Suttor and Co., Ellis and Co., John Bridge and Co., J. A. Moore, A. M'Arthur and Co., F. Onus and Co., H. Prescott and Co., and R. Little and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From O'Leary, Millthorpe, (truck No. 693) 3s 1d; Ellis and Co., Blayney, (973 and 1641) 3s 6d; J. O'Leary, Lime Siding, (8126) 3s 4d; Heaton Brothers, Orange, (2096) 3s 3d, (5204) 3s 8d; Downey, (3625) 3s 9d; W. H. and Co., Parkes, (10067) 3s 5d; M'Dermott, Spring Hill, (10755), 3s 8d per cwt.

Pollard.—From Byrnes, Moree, (3800) 10d per bushel.

Straw.—Derrick: From G. Drew, George's Plains, (4514) 2s; Fuller, Dripstone, (4516) 1s 10d; Hawke, Dubbo, (3888) 2s 1d per cwt.

Hay.—From Broomfield, Rydal, (6119) 4s 3d; Wheeler Blayney, (8059) passed; Alford, Woodstock, (3232) 3s 6d; Holt, Kingswood, (4211) 4s 2d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From Wooley, Mudgee, (5039) 5s 6d per cwt.

Maize.—From Mandleson, Gundagai, (10,066) 3s 10d; Saunders and Taylor, (2514) 3s 10½d per bushel.

Pumpkins.—From O'Brien, Windsor, (3554) 3s; J. M'Phee, (8770) 3s 1d; M. Long, (7075) 3s 3d; G. Jackson, 4s; A. Clissold, (10061) 3s 6d per dozen.

Watermelons.—From M. Waters, Richmond, (9996) 5s and 2s 4d; Smith, Penrith, (8770) 1s 11d; J. Field, 3s 6d; H. Sheens, (10061) 2s 7d per dozen.

Potatoes.—From Wilkinson, Uralla, (4990) part 3s 10d; Whatman, Bowral, (7457) passed; Clements, Blayney, (6371) part 3s; Nesbitt Brothers, (466) part 3s 10d; M'Farlane, Orange, (803) part 3s 8d per cwt.; Saunders and Co., Millthorpe, (2836) passed; Hayes, (4447) passed; Bonnor and Co., (8187) passed; Heaton Brothers, (2436) passed.

FRUIT MARKETS.

A fairly brisk business was done in the fruit trade at the Bathurst-street Markets this morning. Fair supplies of most kinds of seasonable fruits were under offer. Grapes, peaches, pears, and apples sold well at firm prices. Other varieties of fruit commanded attention at quotations. As far as prices were concerned no changes of importance occurred.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Local, rough 2s to 2s 6d, good medium 3s to 4s 6d, choice coloured 5s to 6s per gincase; Italian 14s to 15s, double 7s 6d to 8s half-case.

Bananas.—1s to 3s, choice 3s 6d per bunch; Fiji, 8s to 9s; Queensland, 7s to 8s per case.

Peaches.—Clingstones, small 2s 6d to 3s 6d, good 4s to 5s, prime 6s to 7s a gincase; choice, 3s 6d to 4s half-case; slipstones, 4s to 5s; prime, 7s to 8s a gincase; choice, 4s 6d to 5s 6d half-case.

Apples.—Dessert, prime, 5s to 6s; small, 2s to 3s; medium, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; choicest, 7s to 9s; cooking sorts, 3s to 4s 6d; extra prime, 5s to 5s 6d gincase; Tasmanian Alexanders, 6s to 6s 6d; Crow Eggs, 5s; Alphristones, 5s 6d to 6s; Fannies, 7s to 8s; Codlins, 4s; Ribstones, 5s 6d to 6s 6d per case.

Tomatoes.—Choice, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; others, 1s 6d to 2s a half-case.

Passionfruit.—Prime, 6s to 8s a gincase; prime, 4s 6d to 5s per half-case.

Watermelons.—Local, 2s to 3s; choice, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; extra large, 5s to 6s dozen.

Oranges.—Local, rough, 2s to 3s; good, 4s to 5s a gincase; Italian, 9s per case.

Pears.—Choice dessert, 8s to 10s; small, 3s to 4s; good, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; baking varieties, 2s to 3s per gincase; Tasmanian, Williams 5s to 5s 6d, Gansells 5s 6d to 6s quarter-case; Melbourne, choice, 9s to 10s; others, 6s to 7s per case.

Grapes.—White, 1½d to 2d; Black Hamburg, 1½d to 1¾d, extra choice 2d; Black Prince, 2d to 3d; black Muscatels, 2½d to 3d, choice 3½d; white, choice, 3½d to 4d; white wax, 3d per lb.

Quinces.—2s to 2s 6d; extra choice, 3s a gincase.

Plums.—Tasmanian, choice, 4s to 4s 6d; others, 3s to 3s 6d; local, 2s 6d to 3s a quarter-case.

Cocoanuts.—Slow, 6s to 7s per bag.

Pineapples.—Common, choice 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Queen's, 5s to 6s per case.

Persimmons.—Good samples, 3s 6d to 4s; choice, 5s half-case.

Rock Melons.—2s 6d to 3s a gincase.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

The offerings at the Homebush sales to-day, Thursday, will be as follows:—

Sheep.—Total, 38,655.

Cattle.—Total, 675.

FURSKINS.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Wyly, Trenchard, and Co., and J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Furskins. A good demand existed, and all lines were readily absorbed at previous rates. Quotations:—Grey kangarooskins. Average 6lb. per dozen and under, 2½d to 6¼d each; over 6lb. and up to 14lb., 7d to 29d; over 14lb. and up to 26lb., 29½d to 48½d; over 26lb. and upwards, 44d to 47½d; faulty, under 6lb. to 12lb. average, 2d to 20½d; faulty, 20lb. and over, 27d to 36½d. Red kangarooskins: Average 6lb. per dozen and under, 3d to 6¼d; over 6lb. and up to 14lb., 6¼d to 27½d; over 14lb. and up to 26lb., 28d to 47½d; faulty, under 6lb. to 12lb. average, 2d to 21½d; faulty, 20lb. and over, 27d to 39½d. Wallarooskins: Average 6lb. per dozen and under, 2½d to 6½d; over 6lb. and up to 14lb., 6½d to 19½d; over 14lb. and up to 26lb., 20d to 26½d; faulty, under 6lb. to 12lb. average, 2d to 15d; faulty, 20lb. and over, 21d to 22½d. Wallaby, scrub: 2½lb. average per dozen, ½d to 1½d; 3½lb. to 6lb. average, 1½d to 8d; 8lb. to 12lb. average, 12d to 20d; faulty, about 3lb. to 5lb. average, 1d to 4½d; faulty, about 8lb. and over, 9d to 13d. Wallaby, swamp: 2½lb. average per dozen, ½d to 1d; 3½lb. to 6lb. average, 1½d to 7½d; 8lb. to 12lb. average, 10d to 17½d; faulty, about 3lb. to 5lb. average, 1d to 4½d; faulty, about 8lb. and over, 9d to 12d. Wallaby, rock, ½d to 3d; goats, 9d to 10d; seconds 1d to 8½d; bears, 6d to 9½d, seconds 2d to 5½d; hares, ½d to 1½d; opossummaxims, grey 3s 6d to 11s per dozen; red, 3s to 8s 9d; rumped, 2s to 4s 1d.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1630 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 100 from New South Wales, 350 from the north-eastern district, 100 from Gippsland, and the remainder principally from the westward; all qualities were represented, with a fair sprinkling of prime. The market opened weaker, except for prime pens of bullocks, and as sales progressed prices gradually receded from a shade easier to 10s per head lower than last week's rates. About 550 cows penned, which met with slack competition throughout. Prime pens bullocks, £9 15s to £10 17s 6d; extra ditto ditto, £11 7s 6d to £11 15s; good ditto ditto, £8 to £9; second and lighter, £6 10s to £7 10s; inferior and small light weights, £4 15s to £5 15s; prime pens cows, £5 10s to £6 5s; extra ditto ditto, £7 to £9 2s 6d; others, £3 15s to £4 15s; odd beasts, £13 to £14 5s. 230 fat calves penned. The demand was not active, and prices show no material alteration from former quotations.

MELBOURNE MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat market to-day prices ruled as follows:—Beef, prime bodies, 21s to 22s per 100lb.; medium, 19s to 20s; prime fore-quarters, 13s to 14s; medium, 11s to 12s; prime hind-quarters, 27s to 28s; medium, 25s to 26s. Lambs: Prime lambs, 7s to 7s 6d each; medium, 5s 6d to 6s 6d. Veal: Prime large vealers, 2d to 2½d per lb.; prime small calves, 2½d; small calves, 1½d to 2d. Pork: Prime small porkers, 4½d to 5d; prime large pigs, from 80lb. to 100lb., 4d; bacon pigs, 3½d to 3d.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK MARKET.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co., Limited, report.—Fat cattle: 517 yarded; 200 plain quality from Queensland, the remainder useful to extra prime and weighty, from local sources and the lakes district. There was a further advance on late high values, prime beef 24s. We sold 116 cattle. Sheep: About 10,000 offered including some nice conditioned merinos. The opening sales were firm, but the demand was not sustained, and the market was weaker towards the close. Graziers purchased 2000, and 1000 were unsold. Prime merino wethers, 12s; extra, 13s; good, 10s to 11s; extra prime merino ewes, 11s to 12s; prime crossbred wethers to 13s 6d. We sold 3000 sheep.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits realised the following prices:—Apples, 1s 6d to 5s per case; damsons, 5s to 6s ditto; figs, 2s 6d to 3s per half-case; grapes, 2s to 7s per case; Italian oranges, 12s to 14s per double case; Italian lemons, 12s to 14s ditto; melons, preserving, 3d to 6d each; peaches, 3s to 6s per case; pears, culinary, 2s to 2s 6d ditto; ditto, dessert, 5s to 8s ditto; plums, 6s to 8s ditto; quinces, 1s 6d to 2s 6d ditto.

THE CANLEY VALE SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me the favour of your columns to draw attention to the condition of the Canley Vale School. For some reason (?) this school, having by far the largest attendance in an extensive district, has had its requirements systematically neglected by the Education Department. During the past two years repeated protests have been made by parents against the overcrowded state of the school, but they have been as often ignored. A small wooden structure, capable under favourable conditions of accommodating one teacher and about 20 pupils, has to be turned into a room for over a hundred boys and girls jammed together like sardines in a case. While such a state of things exists, is it to be wondered at that epidemics are conveyed, progress of pupils seriously retarded, and the best efforts of an able master heavily handicapped? We find the extraordinary fact that large and commodious brick buildings have been erected in other parts. At the present time and during oppressively hot weather there is not a drop of water provided for 100 children to drink; they have to carry it—in some cases for miles—in bottles from their homes. I understand that application was made some weeks ago for leave to purchase a load of water; it is still wending its dreary course through the channels of officialdom, while children faint for want of a drink. In winter we have the opposite; the children have to subscribe the money to get firewood. Surely it is time our esteemed Minister should have these things publicly brought under his notice. I am, &c.,

March 8. B. COOKE.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Houses, Land, and Civil Service Co-operative Shares.

D. J. M'INTYRE and CO.—At the Rooms, Rowe-street, at 11.30, Cottage and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

H. HARRIS and CO.—At 170 Victoria-street North, Darlinghurst, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Electroplate, &c.

A. TRAVERS and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, China Matting, Blinds, Furniture, &c.

DALWOOD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianos, Organs, Bicycles, &c.

W. THOUP and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, China, Crockery, Piano, &c.

BARNARD and CO.—At 393 King-street, Newtown, at 11, Groceries, Oilmen's Stores, Scales, Weights, Book Debts, &c.; at 3.30, Furniture, Bookcase, Carpets, &c.

ALLDIS and CO.—At 118 Windsor-street, Paddington, at 10.30, Groceries, Crockery, Ironmongery, &c.

J. F. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 12, Platedware, Cutlery, Opera Glasses, &c.; at 2, Jewellery, Watches, &c.

J. G. LITTLE and CO.—At 2 Wellesley-street, Summer Hill, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

H. RAINS.—At his Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Furniture, Bicycle, Pictures, &c.

J. BROWN and CO.—At 37 Broadway, Glebe, at 2.30, Furniture, Sewing Machine, Carpets, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

MEDCALF and VAUGHAN.—At Young-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hair, Horns, Bones.

HORSES, HARNESS, AND VEHICLES.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

BARNARD and CO.—At 393 King-street, Newtown, at 11, Cart, Horse, Harness.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Pigs, &c.; at 3.30, Cattle.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Vealers, Pigs, &c.

ROBERT LITTLE AND CO.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

HEATON BROS., Produce Auctioneers, established 30 years. Sales at Redfern every day. Highest prices, prompt returns.—Advt.

B. HALL and SON, Auctioneers and General Produce Merchants. Sales at Redfern daily. Highest prices.—Advt.

"York Castle brand of mild-cured Bacon. Cured by English experts. Flavour delicious." Denham Bros.—Advt.

A. B. BOND, 86 Sussex-street, Auctioneer and General Produce Salesman. Auction Sales daily at Redfern. Prompt returns.—Advt.

An Illustrated Story for the Children.—"Two Dear Little Boys," by Walter H. Bone, appears in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

A good deal of activity was manifested yesterday in the Mining market. Being call-day, all the business done was on a call-paid basis. Amongst coal stocks Wallsend shares were stronger. In the copper division Girilambone scrip was very firm, but Lake George Mines sold at weaker rates. Silver companies were generally quiet, Mount Lyell fetching somewhat weaker prices. Local gold stocks had a better tone, Sunlight Gold-mining Company, Turon River Dredging, and Falkner's realising better prices at the meetings of the Exchange, whilst afterwards Baker's Creek and Baker's Creek Consols fetched advanced figures. No. 2 South Great Eastern at 34s 6d was the only Queensland representative that came under notice. Amongst Western Australian lines there was heavy exchange in Hannan's Oroya, which sold from 31s 10½d down to 29s 6d, again advancing to 31s. Great Boulder Proprietary also had a large market at strong prices, and Lake View Consols continued in favour, realising a further advance. Lake View South sold down to 23s 6d, closing with a weak tone. Associated Gold Mines fetched £5 19s, notwithstanding the excellent developments reported from the mine. Kalgoorlie South shares were stronger. Others were generally quiet.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton ...	23/	—
Newcastle ...	—	9/5/
Stockton ...	3/11	4/1
Vale of Cl'ydd ...	6/6	...
Wallsend ...	21/15/	22/5/
Wickham and Bullock Island ...	7/10½	8/3
Ditto, new ...	3/6	4/6
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd ...	21/	—
COPPER.		
Cobar Chesney, paid ...	—	8/
Girilambone ...	9/	9/6
Girilambone "A" ...	4/1	4/4
Lake George Mines ...	10/4	10/5
New Mt. Hope ...	2/9	—
North Nymagee ...	9d	10d
SILVER.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
British Broken Hill ...	7/	—
Ditto, new ...	5/	—
Broken Hill Proprietary ...	46/6	47/6
Block 10 ...	49/6	51/
Block 14 ...	—	20/
North Broken ...	—	7/9
B. H. South, paid ...	—	21/
New Pinnacle Group, con. ...	1/	—
Overflow ...	1/6	—
Ditto, con. ...	1/	1/6
TASMANIA.		
Central Lyell ...	—	3/
Crown Lyell ...	—	13/6
Ditto, con. ...	—	12/6
King Lyell, paid ...	—	1/3
Mount Lyell ...	8/4/	8/5/
North Mount Lyell ...	—	66/
Mt. Reid, pd. ...	—	52/
GOLD.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Baker's Creek ...	6/4	6/9
Baker's Creek Consols ...	2/	2/9
Dromedary ...	3/6	—
Falkner's ...	2/4½	2/8
Mount David, paid ...	5/6	5/11
North Gibraltar, paid ...	—	1/6
Occidental ...	5/6	5/11
Peak Hill, pd. ...	—	3/
Turon River Dredging ...	14/3	16/
Sunlight ...	3/9	4/3
West Sunlight ...	—	2/
Ditto, con. ...	—	10d
VICTORIA.		
Long Tunnel Extended ...	30/10/	—
New Birthday ...	7/6	9/
South Star ...	—	11/
Star of the East ...	16/	20/
QUEENSLAND.		
Brilliant Central ...	15/6	—
Brilliant Extended, pd. ...	—	8/3
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c. ...	4/	6/
Kelly's Queen Block, paid ...	29/	31/
Minerva ...	6/3	—
Mt. Morgan ...	—	5/11/
No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire ...	5/	5/6
North Great Eastern No. 1 ...	9d	—
No. 1 North Victory ...	3/6	6/3
No. 2 ditto ...	—	5d
Oriental and Columbia Consolid'td ...	—	1/3
Ditto, con. ...	2½d	3d
Phoenix Extended, con. ...	—	2d
South Great Eastern No. 1 ...	3/	—
Victoria G.M. Association ...	7/	7/6
Victory, con. ...	—	7/6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated ...	5/18/6	5/19/
Boulder Consols No. 1 ...	—	6d
Brown Hill Central ...	4d	5½d
Chaffer's ...	7/	7/9
Great Boulder ...	22/9	23/
Ditto Main Reef ...	—	35/
Hannan's Block 45 ...	4/	5/
Hannan's Oroya ...	30/6	31/
Ivanhoe ...	7/19/	—
Ivanhoe Sth. Extended ...	—	8/6
Kalgoorlie Bank of England ...	—	7/
Kalgoorlie Mint ...	4/6	5/2
Kalgurli South ...	48/	49/
Lake View Consols ...	10/6/	10/9/
Lake View South, paid ...	22/6	23/6
Queensland Menzies, pd. ...	11/6	13/
Queen Margaret ...	—	13/

The following sales were reported:—Before 'Change—Gold: No. 2 South Great Eastern, 34s 6d. Morning—Copper: Lake George Mines, 10s 8d (on terms, 10s 10d), 10s 6d. Silver: Mount Lyell, £8 5s 6d, £8 5s. Gold: Sunlight G. M. Company, 4s; Turon River Dredging, 14s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, £5 19s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 23s, 23s 3d, 23s 3d, 23s 4½d, 23s 6d; Hannan's Oroya, 31s 10½d, 31s 9d, 31s 6d, 31s 3d, 31s 9d, 31s 6d, 31s 3d, 30s 9d, 30s 6d, 30s 3d, 30s, 29s 6d; Lake View Consols, £10 7s 6d. Noon—Coal: Stockton, 4s. Copper: Lake George Mines, 10s 7d, 10s 6½d, 10s 6d, 10s 5d, 10s 4d. Gold: Falkner's, 2s 5½d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 23s; Hannan's Oroya, 30s 7½d, 30s 9d, 30s 10½d; Lake View South, paid-up, 23s 6d. Afternoon—Copper: Lake George Mines, 10s 4d. Silver: Mount Lyell, £8 5s. Gold: Falkner's, 2s 5d; Sunlight G. M. Company, 4s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 23s; Hannan's Oroya, 31s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Coal: Stockton, 3s 11d; Vale of Clwydd, 6s 8d; Wallsend, £22. Copper: Lake George Mines, 10s 3½d, 10s 3d. Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 46s 9d. Gold: Baker's Creek, 6s 6d; Baker's Creek Consols, 2s 5d; Falkner's, 2s 6d, 2s 8d, 2s 9d, 3s 1d; Mount David, paid up, 5s 8d, 5s 9d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 23s; Hannan's Oroya, 30s 6d.

SUNLIGHT GOLD-MINING COMPANY.

Yesterday the secretary of the Sunlight Gold-mining Company, No Liability, received the following communication from the mine manager, Hillgrove, under date the 7th instant:—"I wired you to-day that we had struck stone to the east and west in No. 7 level. The stone in the west end is 12in. wide and gives really good prospects, gold being freely visible in it. This stone was struck fully 100ft. sooner than we expected it; and, if it is a portion of the chute worked in the upper levels, shows that it is either widening out or changing its dip in strike from west to east. The stone struck in the eastern end of No. 7 level is 18in. in width, and also carries visible gold, but is not so good as that in the western end of the same level. If on driving further the stone continues in both ends (as I fully expect it will do) it will be a most important development, as it will relieve us of fully 100ft. of barren ground to the west, and will open up a block of ground to the east, with hardly any deadwork at all."

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Brisbane Stock Exchange sales were:—Queen's Oriental, contributing, 9½d; No. 6 North Phœnix, 1s 6½d; Minerva, paid, 6s 8d; South-west Minerva, contributing, 1s 6½d; Minerva Underlay, contributing, 10½d; ditto, paid, 1s 2½d.

Queensland Stock Exchange.—Sales: Great Eastern and Orient Tribute, 7d; Queen's Oriental, 9d; Empress, 6½d; South-west Minerva, contributing, 1s 5½d, 1s 6d; Minerva Underlay, paid, 1s 4d; ditto, contributing, 10½d.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Block 10 mill last week treated 3125 tons crude, yielding 546 tons concentrates, bulking 35·51oz. silver, 65·42 per cent. lead, 7·92 per cent. zinc. The week's despatches amounted to 632 tons, consisting of 115 tons concentrates, 241 tons slimes, and 276 tons zinc tailings. All the surface machinery is in thorough working order. The working stopes throughout the mine are looking strong and healthy. The average assay of the stuff broken for the week was about 16½oz., 16¼ per cent. lead, 23 per cent. zinc. There is no particular change in development work.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports the following sales:—Great Eastern No. 2 South, 35s; Lady Mary and New Zealand, 1½d; O'Donohue No. 1 South, 7d; Oriental No. 1 North, 5s 4d, 5s 2d; East Oriental, 3½d; Smithfield No. 4 North, 1s 10d, 1s 9½d; Eastern Smithfield Tribute, 4d; Wilmott Extended, 3½d.

Quotations: Great Eastern No. 3 South, seller 10½d, buyer 10d; Phœnix No. 6 North, seller 1s 7½d, buyer 1s 4d; Smithfield No. 1 North, seller 4s, buyer 3s 4d; Gympie Gold Mines No. 1 South, 1s 7½d, 1s 6d; Smithfield No. 3 North, seller 6s 3d, buyer 5s 6d.

HILLGROVE, Wednesday.

The gold escort took from here this morning 758oz. of bar gold.

HOBART, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Colebrook, buyer 3s 9d; Comet, buyer 11d, seller 1s 6d; Hercules, buyer 19s 6d, seller 21s; South Hercules, buyer 8d, seller 1s; Mount Black, buyer 6s 7d, seller 7s 1½d; Lyell Blocks, buyer 11s, seller 12s 6d; Mount Lyell Reserve, seller 4s; Central Lyell, buyer 1s 9d; Royal Tharsis, buyer 1s 6d; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 9d, seller 1s; Mount Reid, buyer 49s, seller 54s; Red Hills, buyer 4s 6d, seller 5s 6d; Silver Queen, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 6d.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

At the 300ft. level of the Croesus Proprietary the lode has been cut into for 15ft. Low-grade ore is still showing in the face. It is intended to run a crosscut at this level for the whole width of the block to pick up another gold-bearing formation which it is believed travels through the property. A start will also be made to drive on the course of the lode north and south.

The diamond-drilling plant recently installed at the Great Boulder and Ivanhoe Junction lease on the south of the field has bored from the face of the eastern crosscut at the 360ft. level right to the boundary, but nothing payable has been met with. Boring operations in the opposite direction towards the boundary are being proceeded with from the face of the eastern crosscut at the same level. When this work is finished a diagonal bore will be put in for prospecting purposes.

At the Warden's Court to-day an application for three months' exemption from the labour conditions made by the Boulder Central Extended was recommended. The attorney of the company stated that £5567 had been expended in developing the mine. He purposed going to Adelaide immediately to consult the directors with the view of raising further capital to put the shaft into a safe condition.

An application for one month's exemption, made by Hannan's Hill West Company, was also recommended. Over £5500 had been expended in developing the property, and the funds of the company had become exhausted.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Business to-day in the market in mining shares was restricted. Sales: B. H. Block 10, 49s 6d; B. H. Block 14, 19s 3d, 19s 9d; B. H. Proprietary, 46s 6d; B. H. South, paid, 20s; ditto, contributing, 19s 9d; North Broken, 7s, 6s 6d; Mount Lyell, £8 6s, £8 4s, £8 6s; North Mount Lyell, 61s 9d; Crown Lyell, 12s 6d; Lyell Tharsis, 27s 6d, 27s, 27s 3d; Mount Black, 6s 6d, 6s 3d; Mount Lyell Blocks, 11s, 12s 9d; Mount Lyell Extended, 8s 9d, 10s; North Crown Lyell, 1s 6d, 1s 7d; North Lyell Consolidated, 4s 6d; Prince Lyell, 1s 6d, 1s 7d; Queen Lyell, 1s 9d, 2s; Red Hills, 5s 3d; Royal Tharsis, 2s; South Tharsis, 3s 6d; Western Tharsis, 1s 6d, 1s 8d; Chillagoe Proprietary, 25s 3d; Lake George Mines, 10s 6d, 10s 3d; Brothers' Home No. 1, 4s 2d, 4s 6d; Associated Gold Mines, £5 18s 6d, £5 18s; Great Boulder, 23s, 23s 3d; Lake View Consols, £10 6s 6d; Hanlon's, 6s; Spring Hill Central, 16s 6d, 17s; Campbell's Creek, 7s; North Duke, 3s, 3s 9d; Great Northern Consols, 15s 9d; North Prentice, 21s; Garden Gully United, 54s; Golden Pyke, 13s 9d; M'Duff, 40s; Gippsland Boulder, 15s; Long Tunnel Extended, £30 5s; Victor's Quartz, 17s 3d; Mount Morgan, £5 10s; South German Extended, 5s; Victoria Gold-mining Association, 7s 3d.

A meeting of Melbourne shareholders in the copper mines of Mount Lyell West was held to-day, at which dissatisfaction was expressed at the slow progress made at the mine and at the want of publicity concerning the mine operations. It was decided to request the board of directors in London to supply information to the shareholders through the Melbourne press.

Mr. R. R. Hedley is in receipt of a cable message from an English company authorising the immediate expenditure of capital for dredging the Long Gully and Swift's Creek in the Omeo district. Work will be started next week.

Negotiations are proceeding for the sale of the Briseis tin mine, Tasmania, on English account.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—New Pinafore, seller 4s; North Tasmania, seller 7s 3d; Magnet, seller 47s 6d; Colebrook, buyer 3s 8d; Hercules, buyer 19s, seller 21s; Mount Lyell, buyer £8; Central Lyell, buyer 1s 11d, seller 2s 4d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 26s, seller 28s; North Mount Lyell, seller 67s 6d; Western Tharsis, seller 1s 9d; ditto, paid, seller 3s; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 3s, seller 4s; Red Hills, buyer 4s 6d, seller 5s; Mount Bischoff, seller £32 10s.

The last shipment of 697 bags of Magnet ore sent to Dapto assayed as follows:—Silver, 110oz.; and lead, 29 per cent.

The Mount Bischoff Company's London cable quotes tin at £106 10s. Market steady.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

Mining at the Yalgogrin field is rather dull. The Piccaninny claim has 15 tons of excellent stone paddocked. Klink's company, Wyalong, is crosscutting west at the 500ft. level, indications being promising. The Prince of Wales United Exploration Company's property is developing well, good quality stone being stoped at the 260ft. level, and a large quantity of ore being paddocked. The Union Company's tributors have sunk the winze 30ft. below the 210ft. level. The reef is rich, and the stone is being bagged for chlorination treatment. Thirty tons of battery stone are paddocked.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 46s 3d, buyer 46s, seller 46s 6d; B. H. South, contributing, 19s, buyer 18s 9d; Associated Gold Mines, £5 18s 6d, £5 18s 3d, £5 19s, buyer £5 19s, seller £5 19s 6d; Hannan's Block 45, 4s 8d, 4s 5d, 4s 6d, buyer 4s 6d, seller 4s 7d; Boulder Half-mile South, call paid, 6½d, seller 7d; Boulder North Extended, 6d; Brown Hill Central, call paid, 6d; Chaffer's, 7s 6d, buyer 7s 6d, seller 7s 7d; Golden Bar, 2s 3d, buyer 2s 2d, seller 2s 5d; Great Boulder, 23s 3d, 23s, 23s 1½d, buyer 23s 4½d, seller 23s 6d; Great Boulder No. 1, 14s, 13s 7½d, 14s, 13s 9d, buyer 13s 7½d, seller 13s 10½d; Hainault, 20s 6d, 20s, seller 29s; Hannan's Oroya, 32s 3d, 29s 10½d, 31s, 30s 3d, 31s; Ivanhoe, £8, £8 0s 6d, buyer £8, seller £8 1s; Ivanhoe South Extended, 8s 4d, 8s 3d, 8s 5½d, 8s 3d, buyer 8s 2d, seller 8s 4d; Lady Mary, 13s 3d, buyer 13s 3d, seller 13s 6d; Lady Mary South, 1s 3d, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 3d; Lake View Consols, £10 6s 6d, buyer £10 7s; Lake View South, paid, 23s 9d, 22s 10½d, 23s, buyer 23s, seller 23s 3d; Premier, 14s, buyer 14s, seller 14s 6d; Princess Royal, contributing, 17s, 17s 1½d, buyer 17s 1½d, seller 17s 4½d; Reefers Eureka, contributing, call paid, 10d; South Kalgurli, 48s, 48s 6d, buyer 48s 6d, seller 49s; Victory United, 2s 9d, 2s 11d, buyer 2s 11d, seller 3s; Wallaroo and Moonta, 21s, buyer 21s, seller 21s 6d.

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DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Lord Nelson, St. Arnaud, March 9, 1s.
Garden Gully United, Bendigo, March 9, 1s.
New Chum Railway, Bendigo, March 9, 2s.
Long Tunnel, Walhalla, March 10, 20s.
Black Horse United, Ballarat, March 10, 1s 6d.
South German, Maldon, March 14, 3s.
Derby United, Maldon, March 15, 6d.
B. H. South Company (bonus 1s and dividend 6d), March 20, 1s 6d.
B.H. Proprietary Block 14 Company, March 22, 1s.
Western Silver, Tasmania, March 25, 2s.
Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Tasmania, April 5, 2s 6d.

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GOLD.

Mitchell's Creek Freehold Gold Estate (fortnight), 354oz. 16dwt. 12grs.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Broken Hill South Silver-mining Company, No Liability, March 4.—Block 7 shaft sunk 4ft., total 450ft. 500ft. south drive on north stopes: Work here temporarily stopped to enable us to take out ground for plat west of shaft. 600ft. north drive off No. 2 east crosscut driven 12ft., total 51ft. face in mixed sulphide, with no signs of hanging wall. 600ft. winze off No. 2 east crosscut sunk 6ft., total 46ft. Bottom little mixed with sulphide. 500ft. No. 1 west crosscut off south drive driven out, total from footwall 50ft. Face in mixed lode. This crosscut is being put in to enable us to truck the ore from the north end of No. 2 west stope. East crosscut off prospecting shaft driven 11ft., total 81ft. At this point footwall has been met with, and a drive started north, driven 6ft. Face carries small leaders of sulphide. Stopes: 400ft. intermediate stope has been worked south, the face carrying compact ore. 600ft.: No. 1 stope north is being worked on the sill and second floors, yielding compact milling ore. 600ft.: No. 1 stope south has been worked from the sill to the eighth floor, returning good milling material. 500ft. No. 2 stope south: Work here has been carried on on higher floors, stope yielding high-grade mill dirt. Stopes generally are in good condition, supplying all requirements. Ore raised during the week, 1447 tons, and together with 161 tons from sinks and 380 tons from slimes dump under treatment by jiggers and buddles yielded 412 tons concentrates and 700 tons slimes. Assay value of concentrates, 61·8 per cent. lead, 11·8oz. silver, and 9 per cent. zinc.

Kohinoor Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Parkes, week ending March 4.—450ft. level east extended 6ft.; total distance from shaft 103ft. Reef in face 2ft. wide, of usual quality. Broke through winze on Wednesday, and started stoping from both ends. Contractors sank 8ft., making total depth of main shaft 500ft. Reef in bottom is 3ft. wide; worth 1oz. 1dwt. per ton. Raised 70 tons. Crushed 130 tons. Banked 18oz. amalgam. Will commence to clean up from cyanide on the 15th instant.

Menzies Lady Sherry Gold-mining Company, No Liability, W.A., February 18.—A and B shafts connected, and start made to break quartz. Stone that we are getting here is very good, and if the same quality continues it will crush better than the last, but will take longer to get, as the larger portion of the last crushing was on the surface ready for picking the mullock out. Putting on another man on Monday to work in D shaft again to sink on the quartz mentioned in previous reports. There is fair gold in it, and the reef is larger.

North Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, week ended March 4.—Eastern drive at the 550ft. level extended 4ft., total 82ft. from main drive. No change since last report.

North Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, March 4.—700ft. level, south drive: Good progress made opening out for timber. Eastern portion of lode carried on footwall shows bold breast of fair-grade milling sulphides 15ft. wide. Hanging part of lode not started on as yet. Stoping down from bottom of winze west, still being carried on in good ore. Part being worked about 12ft. wide from footwall. This part of the mine is looking well, and has appearance of turning out a lot of ore. 387 tons sent to the mill from here this week. 500ft. level: Stopes are same as last week. Extra run of sill sets being put in at south end of north stope, and overhead stoping resumed. Plant running full time two shifts; mill treated 720 tons crude ore, producing 155 tons of concentrates, assaying 64 per cent. lead, 18·8oz. silver, and 8·7 per cent. zinc. 144 tons 3cwt. 2qr. of bagged concentrates despatched to Port Adelaide, leaving 148 tons 18cwt. 2qr. on hand on the floors.

Welshman's Reef Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Sandy Creek, March 4.—20ft. south intermediate level extended 10ft., total 12ft. from crosscut, stone in face 2ft. thick, and poor. Stopes above this level, stone thin, thick, and poor. Stone under the 300ft. north level is improving as we open up on it. Stopes above 300ft. level are poor. Cleaned up 125 loads for 43oz. amalgam, which retorted 16oz. 15dwt. gold. No. 2 shaft cut down to bottom, total 163ft. Now prospecting a reef 2ft. thick at a depth of 94ft. from brace.

DEPUTATION.

THE HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Yesterday morning a deputation consisting of Mr. R. W. Walker, M.L.C., and Mr. J. J. Paine, hon. secretary, representing the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society, waited on the Colonial Secretary (Mr. J. N. Brunker) and asked that certain amendments should be made in the Act under which the society worked. Mr. Morgan, M.L.A., introduced the deputation. He explained that the society required that it should have power to sell a portion of its land if necessary. Then the society wanted the method of electing the committee reformed and brought into conformity with modern usage.

Mr. Brunker, in reply, said that if the committee would forward to him in writing the exact wording of the amendments required he would forward them to the Parliamentary draughtsman, and when the amendments had been drawn out in proper fashion he would send them back to the committee to see if they were really what were required. A bill would then be introduced for the purpose of assisting the society.

In this week's "Sydney Mail" "Milroy" follows up his articles on the thoroughbred yearlings which he saw while at Hobartville, Windsor Farm, Olinda, Neotsfield, and Clydesdale.—Advt.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—St. Patrick's Day will soon be here. And one section of the community will be doing all sorts of things in memory of the good man. Whether he would have wished his life and faith and works to have been remembered in the way of picnics, games, dances, and races, it is not for the writer to say, but from what we can learn of his mode and manner of life one can conceive of nothing more contrary to his desire. Still, the rollicking and mirth-making will go on, especially in the country parts, and "de'il a thought o' Saint Pathrick at all, at all!" My object, Sir, in writing about the saint is to show that he is one of the brightest ornaments of the English Catholic Church, intimately connected by birth and antecedents with the Scoto-British Church, which was a part of the very ancient British Church of the land. His father filled the minor office of a deacon in the Church, so he himself tells us, and his mother was a sister of the renowned St. Martin of Tours, if we are to believe history. After twice being taken captive he made his journey to France, where it appears he received holy orders. History does not say he was either ordained, or consecrated by the Bishop of Rome (Celestine), or that he belonged to that branch of the Church, but that Celestine asked him to go to Ireland to preach and teach the people there. As an itinerant bishop he went from place to place, the present countries comprising Great Britain, all being in turn visited. No one can show he was a Romanist, and why that branch of the Church claims him as peculiarly its own no one knows. Though his name does not appear in the present calendar, it is found in the celebrated "Sarum Use," but not in the York or Hereford. It is amongst the many saints in the modern Roman calendar.

Being, then, so closely connected with the Church of England, more closely by birth, life, and labour than by the Italian branch, cannot churchmen in some way honour the memory of this great saint? We do not observe St. George's Day, which is in our calendar for the 23rd proximo. We do not ask business to stand aside and pleasure to come to the front, though he is our patron saint. How comes it, then, that a holiday is proclaimed for St. Patrick? I leave others to answer, having at the same time my own convictions.

If we English churchmen cannot have St. George recognised, let us do all we can to honour our own St. Patrick. The clergy might draw many a lesson from his pure life of self-devotion to the Church, wherewith they might instruct their hearers and teach them about this good and worthy man, and so not leave a section of the people to monopolise so bright a name, which belongs more to England than to Rome. I am, &c.,

March 8. CATHOLIC.

Federation's Present Position and the Advances to Settlers receive special attention in the current number of the "Mail."—Advt.

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Funerals.

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BANNATYNE.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOHN BANNATYNE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, 17 Bayswater-road, Darlinghurst, at 1 o'clock. ANDREW M'KAY, Undertaker, 178, Enmore tram terminus.

BRODERSEN.—The Friends of Mr. CARL BRODERSEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Alice Mary Staunton Brodersen, which will leave his residence, White-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Mortuary, Sydney. WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, Sydney, Balmain, &c. Tel., 726, &c.

GLEESON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD GLEESON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, Arthur Alfred; to move from their residence, 11 Victoria-terrace, off Moore's-road, Miller's Point, THIS THURSDAY, at quarter-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st., city; and 113 Miller-st., N. Sydney.

THE Friends of PATRICK and MARTIN GLEESON are invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Sarah Carey; to move from her late residence, No. 3 Wattle-street, Pyrmont, at 1.15 p.m. THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON.

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CAMPBELL.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM MACKINNON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved Friend, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL; to move from Rookwood Asylum THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, 765 George-street, and 116 Oxford-street.

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Department of Mines and Agriculture, Sydney, 4th March, 1899.
STEWARD wanted for the HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Richmond, wages 15s a week, with board and lodging. Applicants to call at the Agricultural Museum, in the Domain, 10 a.m. this day. D. C. M'LACHLAN, Under-Secretary. (8f-18)

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WANTED at once, CARETAKER for solicitor's offices. Apply, with references, A. W., Herald Branch.

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WANTED, respectable Girl as General SERVANT. 162 George-st., Circular Quay.

WANTED, compet. Japanese Cook for good station, £1. Mrs. Cox, 120 Strand, upstairs.

WANTED, Kitchenman, must understand plain cooking, refs. Apply after 9 at 229 Macquarie-st. North.

WANTED, a good smart GENERAL. No. 26, corner Fig and Harris sts., Pyrmont.

WANTED, competent HOUSEMAID, do mangling, 14s, or Girl, 12, train, refs. Avon, Ashfield P.O.

WANTED, a smart PANTRYMAID. Cafe Continental, 113 Pitt-st.

WANTED, smart General, good cook, no shirts, personal refs. indispens., sleep home. 45 Upper William-st.

WANTED, a young Girl as HOUSEMAID. Apply Clarendon, 217 Victoria-st. N., Darlinghurst.

WANTED, General Servant, must cook well. Before 1, Mrs. Dietrich, St. Helier, Walker-st., Lav. Bay.

WANTED, COOK and Laundress, hotel, 15s. Newtown; Gens., 12s, refs. Registry Office, 20 Enmore-rd.

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WANTED, a General SERVANT. Apply 27 Liverpool-st., opposite Central Police Court.

WANTED, a strong active Girl as General HELP, after 9, ref. 117 Flinders-st.

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WANTED, young Girl, general or useful help. Fairholme, 30 Lenthal-st., Bondi.

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WANTED, young GIRL to assist small family. 33 William-st., next P.O.

WANTED, young Person as Cook and Laundress. After 9, West End Hotel, cor. Bathurst-st.

WANTED, good GENERAL, must be good plain cook, no washing. After 9, United States Hotel, Crown-st.

WANTED, young MAN, used hotel work, strictly sober. Hotel Vulcan, Ultimo.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT, no washing. Apply 18 Johnston-st., Annandale.

WANTED, good GENERAL at once. Leamington, Denison-rd., Lewisham.

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